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### U.S. Sets Review Of Debt

### Bush Will Seek **New Approach** For Third World

By Carl Gewirtz nal Flerald Tribune President-elect George Bush said onday that he would undertake a njor review of the existing U.S. ategy for tackling the Third orld's \$1.3 trillion foreign debt

Mr. Bush specifically ruled out giving the debt. The major in-trialized countries have agreed orgive part of the debt the poornations in sub-Saharan Africa e to Western governments.

The comments by Mr. Bush, owever, appeared to open the way or consideration of debt reduction proposed not only by the debtors out by creditor governments such as Japan and France and by some private bankers.

"I think you have to be very careful of forgiveness of debt if you want future loans," Mr. Bush said at a news conference in Washin ton. "So I think we've got to find a more versatile answer than simply compelling private institutions to write off the debt.

"I think that would dry up the third part of the Baker Plan, which is more lending from private insti-

He said "a whole new look" was needed at the Baker Plan, the strategy named after James A. Baker 3d, the former Treasury secretary who will be secretary of state in the new

Unveiled at the IMF-World Bank annual meeting in 1985, the Baker Plan envisaged substantial new lending from official sources such as the World Bank as well as from commercial banks to the 15 most heavily indebted Third World countries. In exchange, those countries were to undertake market-oriented economic reforms.

But the strategy was stillborn. The banks were unwilling to increase their leading significantly, the promised rise in official leading fell short of target and economic reforms in the debtor countries never went as far as the creditors said was needed

Mr. Bush said the review would involve the Treasury Department and also national security officials because we have got enormous problems in our own hemisphere on Third World debt.'

Mr. Baker presumably will be closely involved in the review as the new secretary of state. The Bush administration is obliged to submit a report on Third World debt to Congress by February.

Mr. Bush will take office on Jan.

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### **UN Observers** For Angola

UNITED NATIONS, New York (Reuters) - Secretary-General Javier Pèrez de Cuéllar proposed a UN team on Monday of about 70 military observers and 20 civilians to monitor the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola. Mr. Pérez de Cuéilar said

Angola and Cuba had asked him to recommend an observen team, headed by a chief mil-itary observer who would be a brigadier general. It has not tries are to provide observers.



ack F. Kemp was nominatd by President-elect George Bush as secretary of housing.

### General News

Yasser Arafat said he will seek UN assistance in bringing Is-rael into peace talks. Page 7.

Business/Finance Elf-Aquitaine, the French oil company, is buying 25 percent of Enterprise Oil for 3.8 billion

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### The Mideast's High-Tech Powder Keg From Chemical Weapons to Missiles, Israel Sees Dangerous Threats

By David B. Ottaway

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — U.S. and Israeli analysts are concerned that the Libyan leader, Colonel Moammar Gadhafi, may be planning to give chemical weapons to terrorists from what the experts call the largest chemi-cal-weapons complex ever constructed in the Third World.

Hidden in a mountain chain at a site called Rabta, 56 kilometers (35 miles) from the Mediterranean coast, the installation has what the analysts call a "staggering" produc-

They say they fear that Colonel Gadhafi is planning to use the plant to offset Israel's nuclear weapons capability with a "poor man's bomb," possibly providing radical Pal-estinian or Japanese terrorists with the means to carry out a chemical attack on Israel or

Some of the experts also say that the sophisticated installation, which was built with the help of nearly a dozen East and West European and Japanese firms, could play a catalytic role in the start of another Arab-

But Libya is only the most obvious exampte of a regional problem. There is little disagreement among U.S., Israeli and Arab analysts that the Middle East is entering a frightening new military era.

It is one in which cities are no longer safe from missile attack, and the deployment of

weapons of mass destruction - chemical, biological or even nuclear - once unthinkable, has suddenly become thinkable in many

Libya has already provided the Irish Republican Army with SA-7s, surface-to-air issiles, and tons of the plastic explosive Semtex, which is 40 times more destructive than conventional explosives. The analysts regard Colonel Qadhafi's actions as evidence that he has few inhibitions about turning over highly destructive weapons to terrorist

groups.

U.S. intelligence analysts are divided over how likely such a development is. L. Paul Bremer, U.S. ambassador-at-large for counterterrorism, said in an interview that there was still no hard evidence that Colonel Gadhafi intended to give chemical weapons to

Mr. Bremer assessed the likelihood as "possible" but "not quite probable." But he added, "You'll find others who say it's proba-Such an event, some analysts say, could

trigger an Israeli reaction that would unleash an exchange of long-range air attacks, missile firings and chemical warfare.
This scenario is just one that U.S., Israeli and Arab analysts are contemplating as na-tions in the Middle East acquire high-tech-

nology weapons and new forms of warfare involving poison gases and possibly biologi-Another envisages that President Hafez

Assad of Syria, fearful that U.S.-Soviet détente will be at his expense, will suddenly try to retake the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights.
Others involve: the Palestinian uprising on the West Bank spilling over into Jordan; a particularly bloody terrorist incident provoking a strong Israeli reaction; or another Israe--Syrian confrontation in Lebanon, as in 1982, getting out of control.

Many American, Arab and Israeli analysts see some disturbing parallels between the buildup of war fever in the Middle East before the 1973 Arab-Israeli war and the climate of nervousness today. It is still not clear how the U.S. decision last week to begin a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Or-

ganization will affect the situation.

The tragedy is that in Israel the perception is the Middle East is drifting toward war ile on the Arab side the perception is the Middle East is drifting toward peace," said a senior Arab diplomat in Washington.

The emergence of an Arab strategic capability, combined with the unresolved political turmoil in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip and Israel's growing isolation on the Palestinian issue, have put Israel noticeably more on edge.
"It was the Syrian issue then," before 1973,

said Zev Schiff, one of Israel's foremost mili-tary reporters. "It's the Palestinian issue

Mr. Schiff, now a resident scholar at the See LIBYA, Page 6

# Pentagon's TV Role: 'Venture Capitalist'

By Evelyn Richards

Washington Post Service MENLO PARK, California U.S. Defense Department, seeking to spur a revival of the American television manufacturing industry, plans to help finance development of a high-resolution vid-eo screen that would have military and commercial applications, according to government sources.

Within several weeks, Pentagon officials plan to announce a relatively small research project aimed at developing the new technology, which would display text, charac-ters and video signals with great clarity on compact screens for a wide range of military uses, including combat helicopters and train-

The larger goal of the govern-

said, is to enlist many U.S. electronics and semiconductor compa-millions" of dollars in research clear. nies in a bid to overcome Japan's lead in the development of the next generation of television equipment, known as high-definition television, a technology that produces images of motion-picture quality

By encouraging commercial de-velopment, the Pentagon expects to lower the costs of the technology

A senior official of the Pentagon's Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency confirmed that the unit would spend millions of dollars initially to fund the effort but declined to give details. "Our announcement will give an indicator of the size of projects we're expect-

ing," the official said. Other sources said the initial nies or groups of companies.

Another senior official confirmed that the project was to be the start of a broad U.S. campaign to reclaim technological leadership in the commercial television and consumer electronics market, dominated by Asian manufacturers.

"We think it will rebuild an industry that was lost," said the offi-cial, describing the Pentagon as the "venture capitalist" in the effort. "We're going to put some money in to get it going. We are stepping out

Whether the Defense Department seed money will be enough to overcome reluctance by U.S. companies to invest in costly commer-

At least one congressional task force is studying the issue, as well as the Commerce Department and the Economic Policy Council. But Pentagon funding would be the first official government action to back the technology.

High-definition television, known as HDTV, with its sharper, brighter and wider picture, is likely to grow into an industry worth tens, if not hundreds, of billions of dollars.

Japan has developed a complete HDTV system and plans to begin public broadcasts in 1990. In Westem Europe, a consortium is working on a separate system. American-owned companies, however, have only begun research and are widely viewed as lagging badly.





Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, top, on Monday after reaching an agreement with the Labor Party to form a new national unity government. Shimon Peres of the Labor Party, bottom right, and Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin kept an eye on the time.

### A Commercial Dogfight In Europe's Airways

By Ferdinand Protzman International Herald Tribune
FRANKFURT — When the West German airline Aero Lloyd began scheduled service on domestic routes six weeks ago, its man-agement had no illusions of overtakeoff times, problems getting access to airport gates and a fledgling marketing and distribution net-work, Aero Lloyd officials knew

the immediate future would offer empty seats and losses. the state-owned carrier, which has a virtual monopoly on domestic routes. But like a growing number of charter, regional and small air carriers across Europe, Aero Lloyd is looking ahead to the European

Community's single, frontierless market planned for 1992, and the prospect of less regulation and more competition in the airline in-

They were also going into direct nations, and whatever the outcome, competition with Lufthansa AG, the face of the European airline industry will be changed.

est charter airline, flying 119-seat

Exactly what the European ity will do about regulatunclear. But industry officials say that with more airlines scrambling to get a tochold in the market before 1992, a dogfight is almost un-avoidable. Aero Lloyd's struggle is likely to be repeated in most EC nations, and whatever the outcome,

Aero Lloyd is typical of new players in the industry. It was al-ready West Germany's fourth larg-

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### Israelis Agree on Coalition

### U.S. Move on PLO Is Said to Spur Shamir and Peres

By Glenn Frankel

Washington Past Service
JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, pressed by the U.S. decision to open a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization and by the slow unraveling of his narrow-based coalition, gave in on several issues on Monday and agreed to form a new government

with his rival, Shimon Peres. Under the agreement, the specifics of which were still being worked out late Monday, Mr. Shamir would be prime minister, Mr. Peres would be finance minister and Yitzhak Rabin, a Labor Party hard-liner, would continue as de

The U.S. decision to open talks with the PLO gives the Middle East a dramatic jolt. Page 7.

fense minister in a broad-based

Mr. Shamir's rightist Likud bloc would also control the Foreign Ministry, which is expected to be headed by a Shamir ally, Moshe

But both sides cautioned that the agreement reached by negotiators still required ratification by the two parties and that several days of maneuvering were likely because of opposition from within Likud and Labor and from small religious and far-right parties allied to Likud.

"There is an agreement in principle," a Shamir spokesman, Avi Pazner, said, "but there are many hurdles to surmount before we get to a coalition. It's not yet there.

Israel has been politically dead-locked since the Nov. 1 election ended in a stalemate between Li-kud and Labor that left the balance of power in the hands of four small religious parties. Those parties, which had hoped for major roles in a narrow-based, Likud-led government, now face the prospect of greatly diminished influence in a broad-based coalition.

The agreement was reached on Monday after Mr. Shamir agreed to give Mr. Peres's left-of-center Labor Party the chairmanship of the Finance Committee in the Knesset, or parliament, and pledged that Labor would receive

as Likud. Labor, for its part, agreed to al-low Likud to build eight new Jew-ish settlements in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip during the next year, but it won a promise that any settlements beyond those eight would require approval of the Finance Ministry, which will be under Mr. Peres's control.

An agreement had been expected since last week, when the U.S. sec-retary of state, George P. Shultz, See ISRAEL, Page 6

### In Africa, the Biggest Church

By James Brooke

YAMOUSSOUKRO, Ivory Coast - Rising from the red earth and green vegetation of a former coconut plantation, the Greco-Roman outlines are taking shape here of what will be the largest

Christian church in the world. An army of 1,500 artisans are working seven days a week to finish Our Lady of Peace of Yamoussoukro in time for dedication next Septem-

Hand-blown French stained glass in 4,000 dif-ferent tints is to cover 2 acres (.81 hectares) of windows - four times the amount of stained glass at Chartres Cathedral. Soon, Italian marble tiles will cover the 7.4-acre esplanade, designed to hold 300,000 people.

And by Christmas, the French builders plan to hoist the 281-metric-ton (310-short-ton) cupola, a steel and stained-glass structure topped by a gold-painted globe and cross. Once in place, the 30-foot (9.1-meter) cross will tower 489 feet. By contrast, the cross at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome rises to 452 feet. Also built to be a basilica, the Yamoussoukro

structure is 623 feet long, about 20 feet longer than

"We are building in three years what used to take three centuries," said Antoine Cesareo, a Frenchman who is director of public works in the Ivory Coast, a former French colony.

The pride of this modern-day cathedral builder comes at a time when several African rulers are undertaking pharaonic construction projects. Fueling these projects in late 20th-century Africa is the same kind of huge political power and wealth that in centuries past gave the Western world Versailles, Blenheim Palace and the Hermit-

In Morocco, King Hassan II is building what is billed as the largest enclosed mosque in the world. Estimated to cost \$250 million, the Great Hassan II Mosque is to be completed in time for the king's 60th birthday in July. Its minaret is to rise a tenth

of mile in the sky over Casablanca. In Gabon, President Omar Bongo recently built \$3 billion, 403-mile (650-kilometer) railroad See CHURCH, Page 6

### A Baron's Loan to the Prado: 700 Masterpieces

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi of India reviewing an bonor on to call for a renewal of the friendship between the two

guard of Chinese troops during a welcoming ceremony on countries, broken by the 1962 war, and a settlement of the

Monday at the Great Hall of the People. Mr. Gandhi went border dispute between the two Asian nations.

By Paul Hofmann

Gandhi, in Beijing, Calls for Border Settlement

New York Times Service LUGANO, Switzerland — After years of negotiations, the Prado in Madrid and Baron Hans Heinrich Thyssen-Bornemisza will sign an agreement Tuesday apparently insuring that 700 of the baron's most precious artworks will be lent to the museum for 10 years.

Still, the nature of the agreement is such that few people in the art world expect the international wooing of the baron to end with Spain as the repository of much of the collection. The agreement, the baron said in an interview, entails an expensive renovation by the Prado of its annex, the Villahermosa, and allows him to remove or sell works occasionally

and even to shorten the length of the agreement. His huge collection, with its 1,400 paintings, is considered the most impressive private assemblage of visual art next to that of Queen Elizabeth II. ("But her majesty is no collector," the baron said. "She is interested in horses.") Its riches range from paintings on gold ground by 14th-

century Sienese masters to masterpieces by Picasso and

Kiee. Also represented by important works are Piero della

Francesca, Raphael, Lorenzo Lotto, Titian, Tintoretto, Dil-

ter, the Holbeins, Rubens, Velázquez, El Greco and Goya.

Seated in his study at the Villa Favorita in Lugano amid modern paintings on the walls and a spindly Giacometti sculpture on a sideboard, Baron Thyssen-Bornemisza said 700 works of art would be moved to Madrid and 75 to

The works destined for Barcelona are to be displayed in Pedralbes, an old cloister that needs extensive renovation. Baron Thyssen-Bornemisza acknowledged that the agree-

The treasures range from paintings on gold ground by 14thcentury Sienese painters to masterworks by Picasso and Klee.

ment will permit him to shorten or lengthen the period for which the 775 works of art are lent to Spain and during that time to sell some of them, temporarily transfer some of them to other countries and add new acquisitions.

He said several hundred works, "none of them of any great importance," would stay in the Villa Favorita, which he

regards as his principal residence. Every summer, the baron said, he plans to bring a different group of 60 to 70 great paintings back to Lugano so the lake resort has an artistic attraction during its tourist season.

Wooing the baron has become an international sport, with the players among the most important people in the world. "I keep a list of countries from Albania to Zululand that want my collection," the baron said, only partly in jest.

One soring day in 1987, President Richard von Weiz-säcker of West Germany called on the baron at his lakeside mansion and looked at the celebrated collection. The visit came after rumors surfaced that the baron was deciding whether to move most of his 1,400 ancient and modern

paintings out of Switzerland. The Swiss were appalled at the prospect of losing the trove, a popular tourist attraction.

Mr. Von Weizsäcker was accompanied by Pierre Aubert, then Switzerland's head of state, and by members of the Swiss government,

"They seemed very nervous and wouldn't leave Weizsacker and me alone for a second," the haron said. "Only See ART, Page 6



Baron Hans Heinrich Thyssen-Bornemisza and his wife, Carmen.

minister, Eduard A. Shevardnadze, met Monday with Japanese officials to discuss a border dispute that has disrupted their relations for four decades, but a Japanese official said later that the Soviet

position had not changed. In one sign of progress, however, an official of the Foreign Ministry in Tokyo said Japan was prepared to step up economic cooperation with Moscow.

Mr. Shevardnadze also visited the Imperial Palace, where he signed a register with wishes for the recovery of Emperor Hirohito, 87,

who is seriously ill. The Soviet foreign minister and his Japanese counterpart, Sosuke Uno, spent more than six hours in talks centering on the Soviet-held Kuril Islands, which Japan claims.

The Soviets have shown no basic change in their position," the Foreign Ministry official said later. Mr. Uno told Mr. Shevardnadze that Japan saw "great potential to further economic relations," the official said, adding that Mr. Shevardnadze agreed with this.

There have been unofficial hints that Moscow might be more willing than in the past to negotiate a compromise on the Kurils because it needs Japanese investment and economic cooperation to help develop the Soviet Far East.

The ministry official quoted Mr. Uno as saying that one obstacle to developing trade was the Soviet economic system, in particular the Officials said that Japan would re-

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches inconvertibility of the ruble and the new an invitation for Mr. Gorba-TOKYO — The Soviet foreign shortage of skilled Soviet labor. chev to visit Japan. Japanese-Soviet trade totaled \$4.9 billion in 1987 and is expected to rise slightly this year, to \$4.98

pelled 17,000 Japanese residents.

In a 1956 Japanese-Soviet joint

declaration, Moscow announced

its willingness to return two of the

islands once a peace treaty was

signed. But no further progress was

fused to discuss the issue when he

last visited Japan, in January 1986.

Mikhail S. Gorbachev, the Soviet

leader, told former Prime Minister

islands. He said the dispute was

delaying a Japanese-Soviet rap-

Noboru Takeshita of Japan.

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which the Kremim leader proposed a unilateral reduction of 500,000 The two ministers are to meet again Tuesday for talks on Chisoldiers in Europe, but that Japan nese-Soviet relations, tensions on wanted a similar reduction in Sovithe Korean Peninsula and the situ- et forces in East Asia. Mr. Shevardnadze replied that ation in Cambodia, as well as to continue discussing the Kurils, Foreign Ministry officials said.

Soviet forces in East Asia were there to match U.S. naval strength. But he said that he saw no problem Soviet troops occupied the Knrils at the end of World War II, but in making public the strength of Japan says that it settled the is-Soviet forces in the region. lands, from which the Soviets ex-

comed Mr. Gorbachev's recent speech at the United Nations, in itary strength in the Soviet Far changes between the two countries

cerned." he said.

The International Institute for to leave Tokyo on Wednesday for Strategic Studies, based in London, the Philippines and North Korea.

During his Japanese visit, about region, excluding the Chinese-Soviet border area, at 390,000 troops, around the Soviet Embassy in cen-

Monday that Japan and the Soviet

"The important thing is to have a Union were planning a joint comdiscussion with all parties con- minique on agreements for cultural exchanges and the protection of **Holds Shaky** Moscow has never formally migratory birds. The cultural pact made public information on its milwill permit the first student ex-Lead in Vote

Ruling Party

By Barbara Crossette

New York Times Service

Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa held a shaky early lead Tuesday in

a presidential election that was

marred by low voter turnout and

violence at some polling stations.

If neither wins more than 50 per-

up to 76 percent, were in the area of

the old royal capital of Kandy. The

lowest turnouts, several below 10

percent, were in the south and

southeast, where Sinhalese mili-

The third candidate in the race,

Ossie Abeygoonasekera, represen

belongs to the majority Sinhalese community, was leading both other candidates in the Tamil-dominated

north, where his party is regarded as the least ethnically biased. There

was no Tamil candidate in the race.

In an unexpected development

in some southern towns, Sinhalese

militants who had threatened to

This, according to residents in

the southern port of Galle, may have indicated a factional split in

the radical People's Liberation Front, or could be the result of rising popular condemnation of the militants' anti-election tactics in a

country with a long history of par-

liamentary democracy.

In areas where the militants con-

tinued to call for a boycott, having condemned the election as a franc

at least a dozen people were killed

during attacks on polling stations.

burned early Monday at Mataram, east of Galle. In Colombo, an ex-

plosion in front of one polling

booth injured a policewoman. Several voters were killed by

aunmen in the central hill country. In the southeast, some polling sta-

tions were never opened because of

terrorist threats to shoot on sight

anyone voting or assisting others to

But voting at most of the coun-

try's 8,000 polling stations took

place without serious incident on

what was regarded as the country's

most tense and dangerous election

day since independence 40 years

In some towns along the western and southern coasts, where the

People's Liberation Front and the

Patriotic People's Movement have

been engaged in months of intimi-dation and assassination, there was

electrical and telephone poles

Three polling stations were

kill voters instead distributed leaflets and put up posters Monday urging votes for Mrs. Bandaran-

tants tried to prevent voting.

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka --- Prime

Mr. Shevardnadze is scheduled

845 naval vessels and 2,500 combat tral Tokyo. The police turned away cars approaching the nearby hall Foreign Ministry officials said where the talks were being held. (AP, Reuters)

### Gandhi, in Beijing for Visit, Urges signed. But no further progress was made, and Mr. Shevardnadze refused to discuss the issue when he Better Ties and a Border Solution

Mr. Uno said that Japan wel-

BELJING - Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi of India, starting a five-Yasuhiro Nakasone in Moscow in July that Japan's alliance with the day visit on Monday, called for a renewal of friendship with China and a solution to the Himalayan West was blocking the return of the border dispute that has soured rela-

tions for nearly three decades.

Mr. Gandhi, the first Indian The ministry official said Mr. leader to visit China since his Shevardnadze told Mr. Uno that grandfather, Prime Minister Jawathey should meet more often in harial Nehru, 34 years ago, said order to arrange a meeting between that the border was a major prob-Mr. Gorbachev and Prime Minister lem but that "it is now time to look to the future"

Mr. Shevardnadze is to meet "I have come to renew our old with Mr. Takeshita on Tuesday. friendship," Mr. Gandhi said at a banquet in the Great Hall of the People given by Prime Minister Li

> Recalling the close Chinese-Indian ties in the 1950s, he urged the restoration of the "vision of peace and cooperation" shared by Mr. Nehru and the former Chinese prime minister, Zhou Enlai.

> "Our countries represent two of the world's most distinguished civilizations," he said. "It is now time to restore the relationship between our countries to a level commensurate with the contributions which our civilizations have made to the

> He said that the "Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence," which emphasize equality in dealings between countries and noninterference in the affairs of neighbors, were being realized as the world moved away from nuclear prolifer-

China and India drafted the five principles in 1854, and they remain the official basis of their foreign

"We are confident that the boundary question will be settled amicably," Mr Gandhi said. "It must be settled within a realistic time-frame.

"Between us, we represent a third of humanity, and there is much we can do together," Mr.

In talks earlier with Mr. Li, he called for calm on the heavily guarded border, scene of a war in 1962, while the two countries increase cooperation in other matters, the Chinese press agency Xin-

A Chinese assertion earlier in December of repeated incursions Among the riches of Beverly Hills, a little gem of a hotel.

December of repeated incursions into its airspace by Indian jets was not mentioned in official reports of the meeting.

the meeting.
India claims 38,000 square kilometers (14,500 square miles) of land held by China in the western Himalayas. China claims 90,000 square kilometers of territory in

Mr. Gandhi's remarks appeared to confirm that India had abandoned its insistence that the dispute must be solved before relations could improve, moving closer to China's view that the border issue could be kept separate.

Diplomats based in Beijing have leaders to respect human rights in cautioned that a major breakthe region. through on the border issue is unlikely during Mr. Gandhi's visit.

In his meeting with Mr. Gandhi. Mr. Li mentioned the 1962 war and said, "We hope such things will never happen again."

The two men also discussed Tibet, a sensitive issue because of the presence in India of Tibet's exiled spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, and 100,000 Tibetan refugees.

Mr. Gandhi said that India recognized Tibet as a region of China and that his government did not permit "political forces" in India to engage in activities harmful to China's internal affairs, the Chinese agency reported.

Some 200 Tibetans demonstrated in New Delhi on Monday, call-ing on Mr. Gandhi to urge Chinese

Less than 24 hours before Mr. Gandhi's arrival, more than 150 Tibetans marched close to the Great Hall of the People protesting police shootings of pro-independence demonstrators in Lhasa on

■ Ban on Magazine Lifted In a gesture intended to improve

the atmosphere for his visit to China, Mr. Gandhi lifted a 26-year-old ban on a Chinese magazine, The New York Times reported from New Delhi.

The ban on imports of the Chinese magazine. Beijing Review, which reflects the view of the Chinese government, dates to December 1962, after a month of border fighting in which China defeated Indian troops and then announced



BOMBS KILL MAN IN FRANCE — Thre early Monday morning at a hostel for mainly Arab immigrant workers in Cagnes-sur-Mer in southern France, killing one man, a Romanian, and wounding 12 others, the police said.

### **UN Study Sees Harvest** For 1989 as Crucial

By Clyde Haberman

ROME - The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization issued a gloomy year-end as-sessment Monday in which it said that the world stood at a "turning point between food security and supply shortages."

For the first time since World War II, global cereal production has declined for two consecutive years, forcing countries to draw deeply from reserves, an agency study said.

early 1970s and, more significantly, a decline of nearly 4 percent from are below the threshold set by the 1987, which itself was a poor harorganization as the minimum requirement for food security. The report said cereal output 275 million tons for 1988, a drop of

next year would have to grow by 225 million tons (202.5 million metric tons), or 13 percent, to meet cording to the agency, the present daily needs and rebuild reserves. stocks are equivalent to 16 percent There has never been a one-year of anticipated global cereal conincrease of that magnitude, it add-

"While the world is not facing an immediate food crisis, there are reasons for concern in 1989," said

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little sign of life on Election Day.

Every village seemed to have fresh
graves, while the people there had
boarded up their homes and shops Edouard Saouma, the agency's di-rector-general. "The outcome of and disappeared from sight. In Beruwala, about 30 miles north of Galle, troops had brought in local people to clear the blocknext year's harvest will be crucial." The study noted some bright spots. For example, cereal producades of coconut palms and felled tion rose by 3 percent in developing

countries this year, thanks to good African harvests, including those in famine-stricken countries like Ethiopia and Sudan. But, the agency said, production continued to lag behind population growth in most Third World countries.

The agency estimated that the total production of wheat, rice and As a result, it said, cereal stocks coarse grains this year would total Upset by Article are at their lowest levels since the slightly more than 1.73 billion tons, vest year.

Reserves were expected to total 30 percent from 1987, represent the sharpest decline on record. Acsumption next year. It considers 17 percent as the minimum level "necessary for the maintenance of world food security."

### 4 Servants Kidnapped From Bhutto's Farm

KARACHI, Pakistan — Bandits demanding a general amuesty or a ransom kidnapped four servants from a farm in southern Pakistan owned by Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, officials said Monday.

Five masked men abducted the servants on Saturday, the police said. Two of the servants were later released with a message to Miss Bhutto demanding the amnesty or 1 million rupees (about \$55,000).

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killed earlier in the morning when he attempted to do the job himself. Austrian Jews

### On Rosenthal VIENNA — Austrian Jewish of-ficials reacted angrily Monday to an article in their country's most

widely read newspaper, Neue Kro-nen-Zeitungin, that had made an anti-Semitic play on the name of a New York Times columnist, A.M. Richard Nimmerrichter, a popu-

lar columnist who often inveighs ainst critics of President Kurt Waldheim, attacked Mr. Rosenthal for critical remarks about Vienna that were written after Mr. Rosenthal attended a conference promoting Jewish-Christian dialogue.

Mr. Nimmerrichter, who writes under the pen name "Stabed," re-ferred to Mr. Rosenthal as Rosenbaum on second reference and as Rosenberg on third reference. Mr. Rosenthal, the former executive editor of The New York Times, now writes a regular column that appears in the International Herald Tribune.

Paul Grosz, a spokesman for the Austrian Jewish community, said: "The Neue-Kronen Zeitung has tried for some time to use anti-Semitism to win popularity. Once again it is attempting to use propa-ganda against the Jews."

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### WORLD BRIEFS

# In Sri Lanka Plant Spills Toxic Solvent Into Rhine

DUSSELDORF (Reuters) — Hundreds of kilograms of tonic solvent leaked into the Rhine from a West German chemical plant on Monday, but drinking water was not threatened, officials said.

The North Rhine-Westphalia Environment Ministry said 300 to 400 kilograms (660 to 880 pounds) of chlorine benzel and dichlormethane leaked into the river through a damaged filter at the Bayer plant in

There was no danger of serious environmental damage because the plant's filter system diluted such toxins, but officials in the Netherlands downstream from the leak, had been alerted as a precantion, they said The Dutch Water Ministry said it was annoyed but agreed that the leak posed no immediate health risk.

### Bonn Said to Pay for Copied Radar

Sirimavo Bandaranaike of the HAMBURG (AP) — The West German government paid millions of dollars to Israel for the development of a sophisticated radar defense-Sri Lanka Freedom Party, a former prime minister, was running secsystem copied from U.S. technology, a magazine reported Monday. ond in the race to succeed Junius R. The weekly news magazine Spiegel, quoting unidentified military officials in Bonn, said West Germany paid one billion Deutsche marks (\$570 million) to Israel for a radar defense system called Cerberns, to be Jayawardene, 82, who is retiring. With 34 of 182 polling divisions counted Tuesday morning, Mr. fitted on its Tornado fighter jets.

The magazine said that the official supplier was the West German Premadasa, of the governing Unit-ed National Party, had 50.9 percent of the vote. Mrs. Bandaranaike had

electronic firm AEG AG, but that the basic components were delivered by the Israeli company Elta.

### 5,000 Troops Return to Vietnam cent, votes for a third candidate in

the race will be distributed accord-XAMAT, Vietnam (Reuters) — Thousands of Vietnamese soldiers. ing to voters' second preferences. part of Hanor's biggest withdrawal of troops since it invaded Cambodia 10 years ago, crossed into this border town Monday as crowds of Only 32.7 percent of the voters turned out Monday, an extremely low number for a country accustomed to 80 percent participation in elections. The highest turnouts,

Cambodians lining the dusty road east from Kampong Cham across the frontier waved flags and officials led cheers of praise.

Vietnamese officials said 5,000 troops from the 6th and 309th Divisious were involved. Some of the soldiers said they had served from one to 10 years in Cambodia, but most appeared reluctant to talk in the presence of officers. Some brought monkeys and puppies with them.

Cambodian officials said 18,000 soldiers from six army divisious would be retained to Vietname by the road road over the part for date.

be returning to Vietnam by river and road over the next few days. A Vietnamese Army spokesman said last week that by the end of the December, 50,000 soldiers would have left Cambodian in 1988. An additional 50,000 will be home by April 1990, the Vietnamese say.

### Roh Predicts Communist Ties by '93 ing a left-wing coalition, had only about 2 percent of the votes cast. SEOUL (Reuters) - President Roh Tae Woo predicted that South But Mr. Abeygoonasekera, who

Korea would establish diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union and China before the end of his term in 1993, the national news agency Yonhap said Monday.

Mr. Roh reaffirmed that he placed top priority on talks with Kim Il
Sung of North Korea aimed at ending the hostility between the two

He said that China and the Soviet Union, allies of North Korea, and the United States and Japan, the South's main friends, had shown sympathy towards his proposal for a six-power conference on Kozea. North Korea has so far rejected the proposal.

### Burma Rulers Warn Political Parties

RANGOON (Reuters) — Burma's military rulers warned Monday that "it is no time to incite the people" and said parties must obey strict laws for political activities that forbid them to criticize one another. An editorial in Working People's Daily said that if politicians wanted democracy it was necessary for them "to abide by the regulations, disciplinary rules, orders, laws and declarations."

Attacks on individuals or other parties were forbidden, the government paper said. It was not clear why the warning was issued now by the military, which has in effect held power in Burma since 1962 and only this year scrapped its one-party system. More than 160 parties have registered with the election commission under rules announced after the military takeover Sept. 18 that crushed a public uprising for democracy.

### Search Is Ending in Armenia Quake

MOSCOW (NYT) - The Soviet Union's main earthquake relief commission will be relocating its activities from the stricken area to Moscow, indicating that the search for survivors among the ruins has all but ended, and that focus has shifted to reconstruction.

At a news conference Monday in the Armenian capitol of Verein, Nikolai I. Ryzhkov, the Soviet prime minister and head of the ming Politburo's relief commission, said that he and most of the members of the commission would be returning to Moscow on Tuesday and would be directing the continuing work from there. "Today we have come close to the second stage, which is of a more

long-term nature." Mr. Ryzhkov said. "Its goal is to restore the area's social and economic potential." Soviet authorities are being careful not to say that they have abandoned the search for survivors. But it is clear from news out of the area that there is little, if any, rescue left to do.

### For the Record

A bomb exploded in Honduras outside the headquarters of the U.S.A. Peace Corps on Monday, causing heavy damage but no injuries, the U.S. Embassy and the local police said in Tegucicgalpa. (Reuers)

Three French newspapers owned by Robert Hersant failed to appear Monday after a strike by members of the Communist print workers

union. The workers stopped publication of Le Figaro, France Soir and the racing paper Paris-Turf. (Reuters)

Priste Minister Andreas Papandreou of Greece, fighting off criticism of his handling of a financial scandal involving the former Bank of Crete chairman, has won what he called a vote of confidence in Parliament and has vowed to remain in office until general elections in June. (AP)

### TRAVEL UPDATE

### Struck Paris Métro Line Is to Reopen along the road. A soldier had been PARIS (AFP) - Some Paris Métro workers voted on Monday to cad

the strike that has severely hampered the French capital's commuter service by closing four of the subway lines, the Paris transport authority

It said the No. 2 Nation-Dauphine line, which has been closed since Dec. 12, would reopen with 50-percent service starting Thursday, But workers on the three other closed lines — No. 1 Vincennes-Neuilly, No. 4 Porte de Clignancourt-Porte d'Orleans, and No. 11 Chatelet-Mairie des Lilas - had voted to continue their strike in support of a demand for

The A-320 Airbus was certified for service in the United States on Thursday, a U.S. official said Monday. An Airbus spokesman said that none were actually in service but that "we have several customers Northwest Airlines, which has 100 on order, will get its first deliveries in June. Pan Am. with 16 planes ordered, will get its first derivens in July. (1HT)
Italy will lower the autostrada speed limit on weekdays to 110 kph (70 mph) from Tuesday until Jan. 8 to try to reduce accidents during the holidays, the Public Works Ministry said Monday. (Reaters)

### French Maker Hits Bottom In Skimpy Bikini Market

PARIS — France lost another of its postwar icons on Monday with the news that the company that introduced the bikini swim suit

in 1946 had gone bust — economically, that is.

First, it was the 2CV car, which Citroen removed from French production in February. Then, it was the Solex: The Japanese owned manufacturers announced in September they would produce no more of the mopeds after the end of this year.

Now, Reard of Paris, which made a virtue of postwar austerity by introducing the world's scantiest swimsuit, says it will close for good on Saturday after two lean years.

Louis Réard, an automobile engineer who founded the company 60 years ago, named his creation after the South Pacific atoll where the first peacetime nuclear test had just taken place. Mr. Reard, who died four years ago, engaged in countless court battles to protect the trademark and the two-piece design, which came in a little square

The bikini caused a sensation after Mr. Reard introduced it at the Molitor swimming pool in Paris. Brigitte Bardot modeled it. Paris Match splashed it throughout the magazine. But few women at first

In 1964, Mr. Reard introduced the monokini, which left off the top half, but by then the world was growing harder to shock. Now, amid fears that too much exposure to the sun can cause skin cancer, a cover-up is taking place. Both the bikini and the monokini are giving way to slinky one-piece suits that reveal shape rather than skin.

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# Of the Exclusive: Secret Leaker Bears Exposed by Leaky Pundit

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By William Sature

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counsel, and what about coverage unu? Somebody must have leaked. And the leak-beat goes on. At the Baker State Department, the

### The Spanish mike A Greater Communicator

Sustained widesing Markey Bush has decided to keep on the is on the Social job as chief White House spokesman, can tul steady enginetic serve the public by doing all he can to in immediates: ensure that his new boss meets the press make of South has much more often than Mr. Reagan did. A But the strike in: commitment [is needed] to communicate Marie had be fully and frequently with the news media. and through them with the people. So far in the letter aware the evidence suggests that Mr. Bush has made such a commitment. If so, and if it remains, he could become the great comareas in British lar speeches, his predecessor never was.

- The Harrford Courant.

Larry Eagleburger, Winston Lord or William Hyland as strew boss -- and with the other Kissingerians at the Pentagon to help Paul Wolfowitz watch Mr. Tower.

The reader, and the president-elect. must understand that not all leaks come true. A few are off base, and more get changed when the leak accomplishes one

of its purposes and flushes out opposition.
For example, in the October mindreader it was predicted that women would be significantly represented at the top. Yet Representative Lynn Martin, Labor Secretary Ann McLaughlin and domestic aide Deborah Steelman — each of them highly capable and all of whom knocked themselves out for the Bush campaign — were brushed aside.

Perhaps the pre-election leaker was wrong about women because women later voted decisively against Mr. Bush, and now they are being punished.

A second-level slot as special trade

epresentative was found for Carla Hills. On that sexist score, the leaker was mistaken about Sheila Tate as press secretary; Mr. Bush retained easygoing Marlin Fitzwater, I suspect that the leaker was recalling the White House spokesman's ill-prepared performance at the Moscow summit, and his abysmal preparation of Mr. Reagan at the farewell press conference. (The reappointment cannot be criticized because few ionrualists want to limit access. I can,

because I have my own leaker.) Because my Bush source has been so prescient (in contrast to my own 1988 predictions), I asked for an assessment

of the choices so far. No-surprises is good and bad, says the leaker. No way that cocky young Fuller would be staff chief; Mr. Bush by his nature had to pick a heavyweight, and Mr. Sununu impressed in New Hamp-shire when it counted. The kid will cut the sulks and take a job soon.

But what you gain in stability you lose in originality. Where are the inspired strangers, the unknown Shultzes and Movnihans who spark a cabinet and White House? No top women, no black blacks. no Jews (a kinder, gentile nation, as the quip goes); nobody who looks like fun. And now (in the Bush era, all sentences are to begin with "and") for the

revelation of my secret source.

The leaker, Mr. President-elect, is my left thumb. I suck on it, stare at the wall, put myself in your shoes, bounce the deas sucked out of my thumb off a few detail-savants, read the papers, listen up at dinner parties, calibrate the horror all this stimulates among your aides, and springo! — a massive leak, and it's hell to pay for weeks around the Oval Office. The New York Times.



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Israelis Ought to Celebrate

In resnouse to the report "Shamir Denounces Acceptance of PLO as U.S. Blunder " (Dec. 16):

The events of the last week - including the PLO's recognition of Israel's right to exist and the first authorized and substantive contacts between the United States and the PLO in 13 years - should be viewed by Israel with joy rather than

concern that borders on anguish. Israel has just won, after 40 years of struggle, its War of Independence. The borders Israel established in 1948, and the permanent and peaceful existence of a Jewish state within them, have now been formally and solemnly accepted by the Arabs who matter most, and are not senously contested by any others, Israelis should be dancing in the streets and rush-

ing to the conference table to get their JOHN V. WHITBECK.

The Swedish foreign minister, Sten An-

dersson, and his colleagues Anders Bjurner and Mathias Mossberg should be applauded for their magnificent contribution in acting as interface between the PLO and the U.S. State Department. J. ERNST SIEGENTHALER. Coppet, Switzerland.

We have yet to hear a clear statement from U.S. leaders recognizing the Pales-tinians as a people and confirming their night to a state of their own. It is time for the United States to offer the clarity it demanded of Yasser Arafat.

ELIZABETH KANE

### Put Crocker on the List for the Nobel Peace Prize

As the United Nations prepares to endorse on Thursday the agreement providing for Namibian independence and phased Cuban withdrawal from Angola, history will record the names of two Americans who played decisive but opposite roles in this costly regional conflict.

Since the independence of Angola, have had occasion to actively oppose the consequences of the actions of one of these men and closely cooperate with the other. The two men are Henry Kissinger, who invited Cuban troops by plotting and arranging financing for the invasion of Angola by South African forces, and Chester Crocker, who has not only secured Cuban withdrawal but also ensured that Angola will face no

more invasions by South African troops. While this could not have been achieved without the full support of the new Soviet Union of Mikhail Gorbachev, the New York Times editorial "But Apartheid Continues" (IHT, Dec. 16) is

certainly to the point when it says that Mr. Crocker deserves to take a bow in New York. Beyond that, however, almost all African states and many European ones, Scandinavian in particular, think that Mr. Crocker deserves to be nominated for the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize. PEDRO ANTONIO.

The writer was a personal adviser to the late President Agostinho Neto of Angola.

Levi die in the shocking way he did? In the depths of a clinical depression, Mr. Levi, an Auschwitz survivor who had written eloquently of his ordeal under the Nazis, jumped down a stairwell in Turin in 1987.

The question appeared to haunt a recent symposium held at New York University and dedicated to Mr. Levi and his work, according to a news article. Some participants reacted with simple incredulity.

R OXBURY, Connecticut — Why did the eminent Italian writer Primo

Alfred Kazin, a distinguished literary critic, was quoted as saying: "It is difficult for me to credit a will to blackness and self-destruction in a writer so happy and full of new projects."

A friend, rejecting the idea that the writer had planned to kill himself, saw the death as the result of a "sudden uncontrollable impulse" - as if rational deliberation might have somehow colored the act with wrongdoing. In this and other statements, there was at least a tinge of disapproval, an unspoken feeling that through some puzzling

Why not let Sweden act as the conciliaformer enemies to sign on the dotted line. tor between Israel and the Arabs? Peace in the Middle East is the aspiration of all. EDDY ARIDA

### Sudan: Not a Racial War

Ionathan Power's "For the Starving Sudanese, Tears Aren't Enough" (Opinion, Nov. 28) correctly and humanely calls attention to the ghastly human tragedy in Sudan. However, his choice of words — "Moslem militants" vs. "black Southerners" — inadvertently contributes to a common misconception that the war is a racial one. It is not; it is cultural and ethnic.

The "Arabs" of Southern Kordofan, like the heavily armed Baggara who have killed many of the Dinka (the largest non-Moslem ethnic group and principal support of the Sudan People's Liberation Army), are Arabic-speaking, Moslem black Africans. Few Westerners without knowledge of Sudan could tell a Baggara from a Dinka by their faces. Many of the student militants in Khartoum come from Darfur Province in the West; they are black people. The Nuer, a non-Arabic speaking, non-Moslem group who have been armed by the Sudanese government to kill their tradi-tional Dinka enemies, are even more physically similar to the Dinka. Non-Moslem Bantu of Equatoria Province also have little love lost for the Dinka. As usual, the large majority — Dinka, Baggara, Nuer, Bantu, etc. — are caught in the middle, trying, and too often failing, to survive.

> ALAN RICHARDS. Dhaka, Bangladesh.

By William Styron

About Depression and Primo Levi

failure of moral strength Mr. Levi had failed his staunchest admirers. Apparently not expressed at the symposium, although quoted in the article, was the harshest example of such a view-point: a suggestion in The New Yorker

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that "the efficacy of all his words had somehow been canceled by his death." That idea leaves the implication that the force and fervor of a writer's work is rendered invalid if, instead of expiring of natural causes, he takes his life.

What remains most deeply troubling about the account is the apparent inability of the symposium participants to come to terms with a reality that seems glaringly obvious. It is that Mr. Levi's death could not be dissociated from the major depression with which he was afflicted, and that indeed his suicide proceeded directly from that illness.

To those of us who have suffered severe depression — myself included this general unawareness of how relentlessly the disease can generate an urge to self-destruction seems widespread: the problem badly needs illumination.

Suicide remains a tragic and dreadful act, but its prevention will continue to be hindered, and the age-old stigma against it will remain, unless we can begin to understand that the vast majority of those who do away with themselves, or who attempt to do so, do not do it because of any frailty, and rarely out of impulse, but because they are in the grip of an illness that causes almost unimaginable pain. It is important to try

to grasp the nature of this pain.
In the winter of 1985-86, I committed myself to a mental hospital because the pain of the depression from which I had suffered for more than five months had become intolerable. I never attempted spicide, but the possibility had become more real and the desire more greedy as each wintry day passed and the illness

became more smotheringly intense. What had begun that summer as an off-and-on malaise and a vague, spooky restlessness had gained gradual momentum until my nights were without sleep and my days were pervaded by a gray drizzle of unrelenting horror. This horfor is virtually indescribable, since it bears no relation to normal experience.

In depression, a kind of biochemical meltdown, it is the brain as well as the mind that becomes ill — as ill as any other besieged organ. The sick brain plays evil tricks on its inhabiting spirit. Slowly overwhelmed by the struggle, the intellect blurs into stupidity. All capacity for pleasure disappears, and despair maintains a merciless daily drumming. The smallest commonplace of domestic life, so amiable to the healthy mind, lacerates like a blade.

Thus, mysteriously, in ways difficult to accept by those who have never suffered it, depression comes to resemble physical

anguish. Such anguish can become every bit as excruciating as the pain of a frac-

tured limb, migraine or heart attack. Most physical distress yields to some analgesic. Not so depression. Psychotherapy is of little use to the profoundly depressed, and anti-depressants are, to put it generously, unreliable. Even the soothing balm of sleep usually disap-pears. And so, because there is no respite at all, it is entirely natural that the victim

begins to think ceaselessly of oblivion. In the popular mind, suicide is the work of a coward, or sometimes, paradoxically, a deed of great courage, but it is neither; the torment that precipitates the act makes it often one of blind necessity.

The origins of depression remain a puzzle, despite significant advances in research. Many factors seem to be involved. Aside from the basic chemical disturbance in the brain and behavioral and genetic influences, psychological reasons must be added to the equation. Mr. Levi may have been bedeviled by buried conflicts unrelated to Auschwitz.

Or, indeed, his ordeal at Auschwitz may have imposed on his soul an insupportable burden; other writers wounded by the Holocaust (Paul Celan and Tadeusz Borowski come to mind) decided upon suicide as a way out of the blackness of memory. But the overwhelming majority of camp survivors have chosen to live, and what is of ultimate importance to the victim of depression is not the cause but the treatment and the cure.

What is saddening about Primo Levi's death is the suspicion that his way of dying was not inevitable and that with proper care he might have been

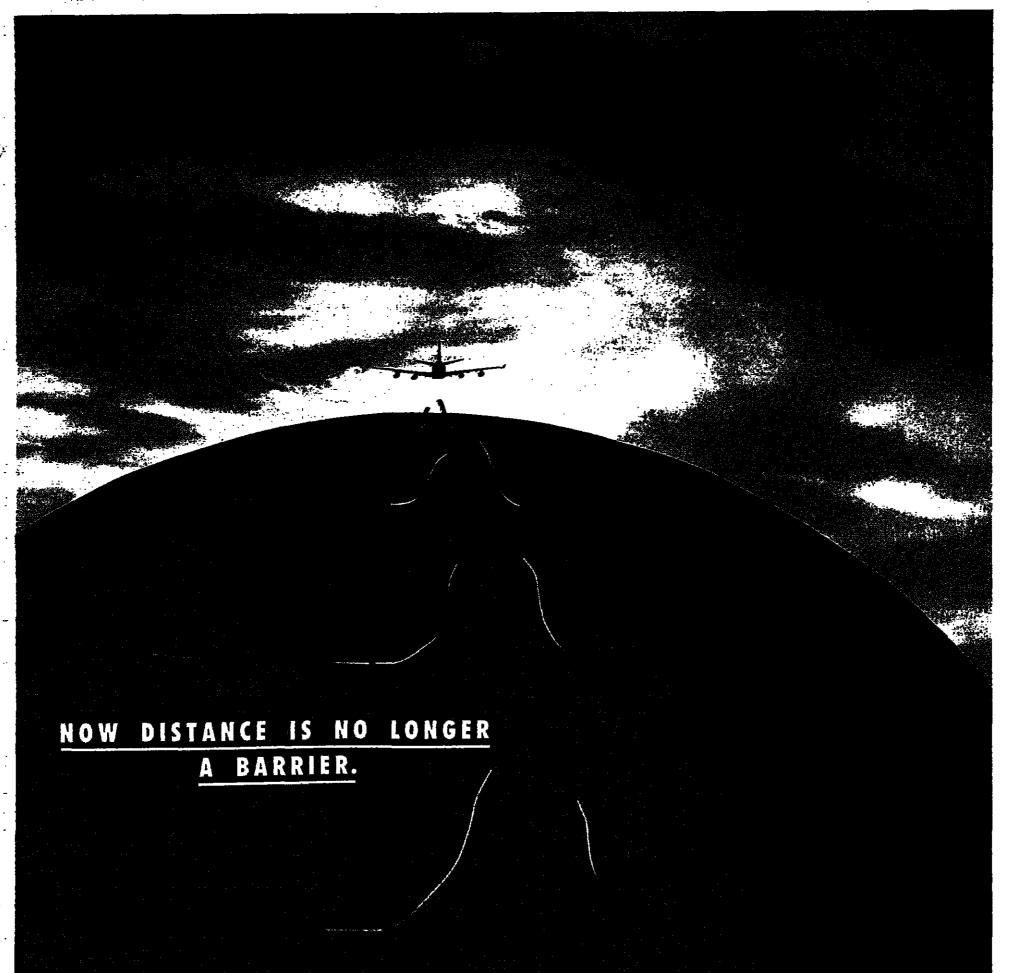
rescued from the abyss. Depression's saving grace (perhaps its only one) is that the illness seems to be self-limiting: Time is the real healer. and with or without treatment the suf-

ferer usually gets well. Even so, presumptuous as it may be to speculate from such a distance, I find it difficult not to believe that if Mr. Levi had been under capable hospital attention, sequestered from the unbearable daily world in a setting where he would have been safe from his selfdestructive urge, and where time would have permitted the storm raging in his brain to calm itself and die away, he would be among us now.

But, in any event, one thing appears certain: He succumbed to a disease that proved to be malignant, and not a shred of moral blame should be attached to the manner of his passing.

Mr. Styron is author of "Sophie's Choice," among other navels. He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

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### Gorbachev Line Finally Reaches Prague

By Jackson Diehl

PRAGUE - Long lines stretch out the doors of shoos all over Prague these days as consumers line up for scarce supplies of toothpaste, toilet paper, soap powder and other basic goods. Newspapers, too, sell out fast: the state press has offered startling news of Soviet troop withdrawals, changes in the Politburo and legal opposition demonstrations, all in the

course of a few days this month. Such developments were never supposed to happen under the orthodox Communist government that controls Czechoslovakia. Since Soviet troops suppressed the 1968 "Prague spring" movement, the Czechoslovakia has emerged as a country's hard-line leadership has country drawn into Mr. Gorba-

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There is a battle shaping up,

said David Kyd, a spokesman for

the International Airline Transpor-

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want a slice of the European airline

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"The alternative is oblivion," he

added. "So charter, regional and

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National flag carriers such as Air France, Alitalia and Lufthansa

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Milos Jakes, the tough apparaichik who last year became party leader, has spent most of his administration seeking to delay the restructuring of the economy pursued by Mikhail S. Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, and trying to stifle any version of glasnost, or openness, particularly in the form of opposition activity.
Yet his tactics have failed to pre-

vent Mr. Gorbachev's dynamism from raising expectations among the long-passive public and have been unable to stave off the economic crisis that has affected every other nation in the East bloc.

AIR: A Dogfight Is Brewing in Europe Before 1992

Air Europe, owned by Interna-tional Leisure Group PLC of Brit-

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airport facilities.
"It's a tough game, and the big

guys can really put the squeeze on the little guys," Mr. Kyd said. "It becomes a question of how much

financial pain the small airline can

Aero Lloyd says most of its

flights are carrying only 10 to 15

Mr. Kyd said.

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That means airlines like Lufth-

The big airlines dominate mar-

those of the national airlines.

offered its citizens relative material chev's drive for change despite itabundance in tacit exchange for self, its once unchallenged elite been a crackdown on dissenters. At buffeted by pressures from East the same time, a once-tiny opposiand West as well as from below.

> thing they can to prevent any inter- groups have been founded. nal change in Czechoslovakia, but These developments suggest that this development has its own log-ic," said Jiri Dienstbier, a promi-bloc of East European resistance to nent dissident and journalist. Mr. Gorbachev and his policies, "They can't control the develop- stretching from East Germany and ment of Soviet foreign policy or the Czechoslovakia to Bulgaria and changes that are happening in all of the other countries.

The movement in Czechoslovakia has been small compared with its counterparts in Hungary and Poland. The authorities in Prague have, nonetheless, moved to put into effect a program of economic restructuring similar to Mr. Gorbachev's plan for the Soviet Union,

passengers, which translates into a

Bogomir Gradisnik, who owns

49 percent of Aero Lloyd, said in a

recent interview that the flights

would be profitable with an aver-

age of 30 passengers, a level he hopes will be reached in January.

dered additional equipment and plans to begin scheduled service to

London, Paris and Zurich in the spring of 1989, Mr. Gradisnik said,

it has had problems getting permis-

"In Paris we don't have any

problems," he said. "But at the

London airports, everything is re-

served for the British and Lufth-

"Of the 60 flights a week we

applied for, they allowed only two,

supposedly because there is no

room. If, however, the others want

to fly more often, then suddenly

there is more room, just not for the

Industry and EC officials are

well aware of such problems. But

they worry that shifting from a sys-

tem of bilateral air service agree-

ments and national control of traf-

fic rights to a pan-European system

could set off a deregulatory free-

for-all in the airline industry could

Air Europe is setting up Airlines

of Europe to compete with the na-

tional flag carriers on the main routes. Airlines of Europe, based in

the Netherlands, is slated to be-

come fully operational by the spring of 1990, offering low-fare

charter and regularly scheduled

It has applied for traffic rights in

Norway, Italy, West Germany and

France, and already has rights in

Britain and Spain. In April, Air

Europe order 30 new airliners car-

newcomer, Aero Lloyd."

be disastrous.

sion and space at airports.

While the airline has already or-

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tion movement has mushroomed "The old leaders are doing every- and new independent political

Romania, may be weakening.

"I'm not sure that this anti-reform bloc doesn't contain the seeds of its own downfall," a senior Western diplomat in Prague said.

"The resistance was always more real on the surface than it is underneath, in the lower levels of the elites where people have to think about their futures," he said. "At the end of the day, these people have no place else to go than with Gorbachev. Both East Germany and Czecho-

slovakia have decided in recent weeks to move up their next party congresses to 1990 from 1991. prompting speculation that Mr. lakes and the East German leader. Erich Honecker, may be preparing to give way to younger leaders more attuned to Moscow,

One sign of a move toward renovation in the Czechoslovak leadership has been the promotion to the Politburo this fall of five relatively young men and the retirement of four veterans of the post-1968 era, including the prime minister, Lubomir Strougal, and an extreme hard-liner, Vasil Bilak.

The most prominent newcomers Miroslav Stepan, 43, and Karel Urbanek, 47, have showed signs of variance from the party's orthodox line; Mr. Stepan recently gave an interview to the party daily Rude Pravo that sharply criticized past and present party activity.

This shift has been accompanied by the gradual introduction of an economic program making state companies less dependent on central planning and more accountable for profits and losses.

Next year, workers' "self-man-agement" councils will be set up in all factories, the state bank will be broken up into several autonomous commercial banks, industrial prices will be reorganized, and joint ventures with Western companies will be encouraged.

The changes, which closely fol-low Mr. Gorbachev's program, are bluntly described by Czechoslovak economists as a half-step.

The ideas of our reform are uncertain and unstable," said Vratislav Izak, an expert at the official Institute of Economy. "In the future we will inevitably go in one of two directions: either back to the administrative system, or toward a marketplace economy, as in Hungary or Poland. This is an open question, and above all a political



As an enormous basilica takes shape in Yamonssoukro, Antoine Cesareo, left, the director of public

works in the Ivory Coast, and Pierre Cabrelli, the site manager, show how it will look when completed.

### CHURCH: Biggest Church Ever Rising in Ivory Coast In the last two years, prices of

(Continued from page 1) from Libreville, Gabon's coastal capital, to Franceville, his place of

birth in the interior. In Zaire, an airport runway extension is to be completed this month to allow President Mobutu Sese Seko to land in a Concorde supersonic jet at Ghadolite, his na-

tive village. But Mr. Mobutu is a decade behind Felix Houphouet-Boigny, the president of the Ivory Coast. In 1978, Valery Giscard d'Estaing, then president of France, landed in Yamoussoukrou in a Concorde.

In the next decade, Yamoussoukrou mushroomed from a village of 15,000 to become the Ivory Coast's political capital with a population of 100,000.

With his chauffeur-driven Meraccess expressway, Mr. Cesareo re-cently ticked off Yamoussoukrou's attractions: a 300-room luxury hotel, eight-lane boulevards, crocodile-filled artificial lagoons and three university-level training insti-

In a new addition next year, hundreds of elephants, giraffes, ante- sit inside. lope and hippotamuses are to be flown here from South Africa to cool only a 15-foot-high cushion of stock an artificial 150,000-acre sa- air, leaving the 380-foot high dome

But only 27 months after Mr. Houphouet-Boigny laid the basilica's cornerstone, the site, 130 miles south of the economic capital of Abidian, has become this city's maior attraction.

complex stretches 1,525 feet, about own money and, upon completion, a third of a mile, from the outermost Doric column of the elliptical esplanade to the outermost Doric

In outline, the structure is similar to St. Peter's. But engineers are cocoa, the country's largest export sensitive about the comparison.

Pierre Cabrelli, a French engineer, holding up for contrast a copy of an 18th-century engraving of St. Peter's and a copy of the Yamous- La Croix, a French Catholic newssoukro basilica design by Pierre Fakhoury, Mr. Houphouët-Boigny's personal architect.

"They have statues," Mr. Cabrelli said. "We don't have statues. They have only a few columns. We

Unlike the stonecutters of medieval Europe, Ivorian masons have erected their columns, some rising 101 feet in the air, with blocks of molded, high-density cement. The use of local sand gives the ensemble a pinkish hue. A contrasting green cedes hitting 120 miles an hour will be added this spring when 75 (193 kilometers an hour) on a new access expressway, Mr. Cesareo replanted as ornamental French gar-

> In another difference with St. Peter's, the Yamoussoukrou basilica will be air-conditioned. Machinery in the cellar will pump air though ducts in the wooden pews, cooling the 8,000 faithful who can

To save electricity, engineers will to warm to tropical levels. "Curtains" of forced air at the doorways will allow engineers to keep outside doors open while air-conditioning cools the nave.

Without revealing its costs, Mr. Houphouet-Boigny has maintained Largely constructed by French that the basilica is being built on and Israeli contractors, the basilica his own land, is financed with his

"What's the same here?" asked for cash, the Ivory Coast suspended erre Cabrelli, a French engineer, payments last May on its \$10 billion foreign debt.

missed criticism about the cost.

"In what way could my meager ises given the religious parties, and 40 billion francs - if it is 40 billion it will be judged for that," Mena-- change the crisis which has hit my country?" he said, referring to a chem Porush, spokesman for the sum in African francs equal to ultraorthodox Agudat Israel, said. my country?" he said, referring to a His party had been promised the about \$130 million. Independent estimates say the structure may

traorthodox Shas Party, said: "This The Vatican's reaction has been is not the first time that the prime muted. Asked if Pope John Paul II minister has denigrated Shas and its leader, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, Bur planned to come in September for the inauguration, the Vatican this time he's actually contradicted spokesman, Joaquin Navarro-Valls, said the pope would be on a caplicit promises made in Rabbi tour of the Far East in September. Yosen's house." The pope visited the Ivory Coast in lates that all funds to religious fac-1980 and in 1985.

kesman replied ambiguously The Ivory Coast is a one-party.

state with a tightly controlled press. Most public criticism has come from outside the country.

noted that only 15 percent of the Ivory Coast's 10 million people are Catholic. About 5 percent are Protestant, 20 percent are Muslim, and the rest are ammist.

the basilica as racists.

mer defense minister, quit-the Likud negotiating team in disagreement with the tentative accord. "I don't want to see how Shamir has to break the agreements and In an interview last summer with promises he made to the religious parties," he said. Members of the religious parties were harshly critical of the accord. "The Likud betrayed the prom-

paper, Mr. Houphouet-Boigny dis-

cost twice as much.

Asked if the Vatican would ac-

cept the building as a gift, the that that was "a local matter."

spectacular funeral.

tions must have Finance Ministry mary are the located more approval, and it appears to make no commitment on changing the definition of who is a Jew, a central RE 15 123 issue for Agudat Israel

Mr. Peres had been torn between the finance and foreign affairs portfolios, but finally agreed on fiom outside the country.

Several French reporters have from major business interests supnance because of strong pressure portive of Labor . In a sign of their mutual distrust.

ISRAEL:

Coalition Is Set

(Continued from page I)
announced that the United States

would begin talks with the PLO.
The U.S. decision isolated Israel

from the only ally still endorsing its

The move appears to have per-

suaded Mr. Shamir that he would

need the broadest possible govern-

ment to face growing international

pressure for Israel to agree to some

kind of international conference on

Negotiators from the two parties

were working late Monday on po-

licy guidelines on peace and securi-

ty issues that were expected to mir-

for those of the previous national

The guidelines were expected to

include support for the Camp. Da-

vid peace accords, a renewed call

for direct negotiations among Isra-

el Jordan and Palestinians from

the occupied territories, and an in-

sistence that Israel would never ne-

right condemned the agreement.
"I'm very surprised at Shimon

Peres and at Labor for going into a

government which contradicts their basic principles, a former

cabinet minister, Annon Rubia-

seid, "Peres said yesterday he is prepared to talk with any Palesim-ian who epposes terror, he he gov-

ernment he is joining his prime minister says the absolute opposite.

It's not a government, it's a race for

Ariel Sharon, the hard-line for-

Yitzhak Peretz, leader of the úl-

The tentative agreement stipu-

For example," Mr. Rubinstein

stem, said.

Critics on both the left and the

gotiate with the PLO.

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refusal to meet with the PLO.

Mr. Peres and Mr. Shamir stipulated that if either pulls out of the coalition, the other will seek new Other French press reports have elections rather than form a narrow suggested that the president, who is government without the other.

83, is building a backdrop for a That clause, a Shamir aide said, was designed to prevent Mr. Peres In September, the Ivory Coast's from seeking to use the finance But many local critics say the information minister, Laurent post to woo the rigorously Ortho-Ivory Coast's money is being wast- Dona-Fologo, branded critics of dox parties with lavish public fund-

# rying a price of \$1.8 billion. restlye circle.

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### ART: Baron Thyssen Will Lend 700 of His Masterpieces to Madrid's Prado

(Continued from page 1)

when we all walked downstairs to the bar did I find myself alone with the president. Is there anything I can do for you? he quickly asked me. 'Send me your ambassador!' I said. Then the Swiss were again all around us."

Soon afterward, a diplomat from the Bonn government arrived at the Villa Favorita, and a meeting with Chancellor Helmut Kohl was arranged. As the baron tells it, the chancellor said to him: "We have to entertain all those visiting heads of state in Bonn and don't know what to show them. We shall build a worthy home for your collection

A West German government spokesman confirmed the chancellor's offer and said that negotia- ed. There were also inconclusive

tions had begun began but that eventually "the Thyssens turned their back on Bonn." talks with France and two U.S. thorities for financial contributions to speed the project, but they apparently thought at first that the

The baron, 67, a tall and ruddy descendant of wealthy German industrialists who has been a Swiss citizen since 1950, has spurned other tempting bids for the collection.

One came from Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of Britain. "She visited an exhibition of Old Masters from my collection at the Royal Academy in London, and she was enthusiastic," the baron said. "And I got a very spectacular proposition from the British government. My works would be displayed in a new art center either in the London Docklands or in Birmingham.

But the baron, who maintains a home in London, was not interest-

move the bulk of his collection out

of Lugano, where it has been since his father bought the 17th-century Villa Favorita from Prince Friedrich Leopold of Prussia in 1932? "It's too small," the baron said.

"My father had a new gallery built, but its 20 showrooms can hold only a part of what I have. Relatively few visitors came, something like 100,000 a year. Masterpieces should be accessible to everybody."

Two years ago, the baron asked five notable architects to submit plans for an annex to the Lugano gallery. James Stirling of Britain, the acclaimed architect of the Neue Staatsgalerie in Stuttgart, won the contest. But his project would have

cost more than \$30 million. The baron asked the local au-

to speed the project, but they ap-parently thought at first that the nobleman could well afford it himself. After all, he is often described as "the richest Swiss," and his

wealth is estimated at \$1.5 billion. Only when it appeared that he seriously planned to shift his col-lection to Spain did the Swiss come up with a specific proposal.

The baron said the Swiss offer of financial support came too late be-cause he had already reached agreement in principle with the

It is thought in the art world that the baron's fifth wife persuaded bun to favor Spain. The Barones Thyssen, born Maria del Carmer Rosario Cervera Fernández, is a former Miss Spain; she is well connected in her native country and in international high society.

### LIBYA: Israel Fears New High-Technology Powder Keg in Middle East

(Continued from page 1) Washington Institute for Near East

Policy, reflects the views expressed by many Israeli military strategists who are openly voicing their concerns to American visitors. "The arms race today is a com-

pletely different one," he said in an interview. "The superpowers have no control over it any more." He added that there were more and more people in Israel who say, "Let us rediscuss the question of pre-emption" by military means.

In a speech to the World Affairs Council on Oct. 25, William H. Webster, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, said, "For Is-rael, the spread of chemical weapons among the Arab states, principally Iraq, Libya and Syria, could seriously alter the regional balance of power." An Israeli military source, refer-

ring to the World War II Nazi death camps, said. You mention gas to Israelis and they start to go

U.S. and Israeli analysts now talk openly of missile-delivered chemical weapons. Syria has taken the lead in pioneering this technol-ogy using Soviet-provided Scud-B and SS-21 missiles.

"Virtually every city in the Middie East is now subject to such an attack if these two types of weap-ons are combined," Mr. Webster

U.S. and Israeli intelligence analysts blame the Iran-Iraq war for most of the developments destabi-lizing the Middle East military equation: the extensive use of missiles against civilian populations in cities, local engineering to extend the range of missiles, and the acquisition of chemical warheads.

The Arab side seems only too aware of the Israeli mood of ner-When Israeli Air Force jets car-

ried out low-level bombing practice over the Red Sea last March, the Saudi leadership feared the Israelis were beginning a pre-emptive strike on their new Chinese DF-3 ballistic missile sites. The Saudis scrambled their U.S.-built F-15s and F-5s and newly arrived European Tornadoes on an "extended exercise" and for the first time sent their American AWACS reconnaissance aircraft over the western side of the kingdom to monitor Israeli aircraft activities.

Through Washington, the Sandis told Israel that they had made a solemn commitment never to use the missiles in a first strike against Israel, but that should Israel ever attack, Saudi retaliation was a certainty.

The Israelis "must have no doubt" in their minds that, if attacked, we will retaliate," a senior Saudi offi-

gists is a perception that Israel's now debating whether to invest pritechnological edge over the Arabs marily in a defensive or offensive is eroding. They fear that the ad-strategy to cope with the Arab missies will end the sile threat. superiority that the Israeli Air Force has had over Arab adversar-

Syria has highly accurate Soviet SS-21 missiles and Saudi Arabia has the far less accurate Chinese DF-3A intermediate-range misiles. The DF-3A has a range of 1,600 miles and a payload capability of up to 4,500 pounds (2,045 kilograms). Iraq has successfully modified the Soviet Soud-B missile.

working on its own anti-tactical ballistic missile. Egypt has the 50-mile-range Sacr rocket and is building, with help from Iraq and Argentina, the Badr-2000, with a range of 500 or 600 miles.

"You can reach Israel now just by pushing a button," the Israeli military source said, "the first time this is true since 1948," the year

Israel was founded. With the arrival of ballistic and long-range air-to-air missiles, he. continued, "You don't need highquality manpower any longer to eain an advantage."

"The day of the pilot and dogfight have gone," be added.

Further alarming Israeli strate- Israeli military strategists are

Israel's new Ofeq military satellite is widely regarded as the symbol of a Israeli commitment to an offensive, possibly even pre-emp tive, strategy. At the same tim U.S. and Israeli analysts say, Israel is strengthening its defensive ca-pacities, working with the United States on a \$200 million research effort to build an anti-tactical bailistic missale, the Arrow, But it extending the Scud's range from 190 miles to 560 miles. It is also would be years before an entire defensive system could be de-- ployed

> Ou Sept. 19, Israel launched an experimental spy satellite on its own missile, displaying its ability to put up the intelligence instruments needed to carry out a preemptive strategy.

"Israel is telegraphing a signal to

Jane's Defense Weekly reported recently that Israel also had conducted a second secret test of its Jericho 2 ground to ground mis sile, with a projected range of 940 miles. The U.S. State Department spokesman, Charles E Redman, said in a statement on Nov. 23 that we are aware of no Israeli plans to configure their faunch vehicle as

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### Arafat Seeks UN Help For Talks With Israel

The Associated Press

VIENNA - The chairman of the Palestinian Liberation Organization said Monday that he wanted UN help in getting Israel to join Middle East peace efforts, and he reaffirmed that Palestinians would not stop their uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories.

The PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat, spoke at Schwechat airport as he began a visit that is part of his campaign to seek international backing for a Mideast peace conference under United Nations auspices.

Mr. Arafat sidestepped a question as to whether the PLO would continue armed resislance against the Israeli au-You mean resistance," he

said several times. "Our people will definitely continue their in-tifada," the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza

Mr. Arasat said he came to

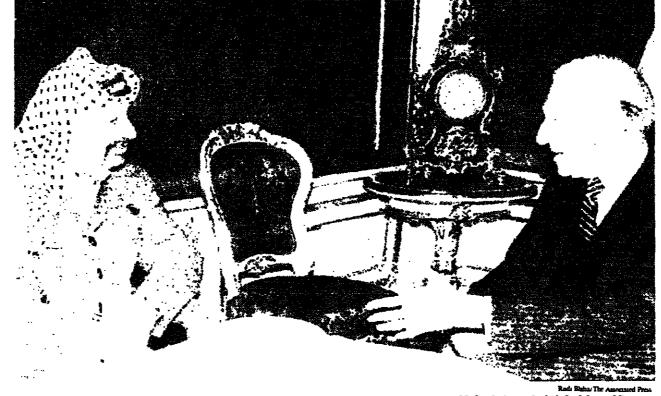
Austria "for more support in the direction of peace," adding, "for the process of peace" in the Middle East.

Asked how he wanted to bring the Israelis into the process, Mr. Arafat said, "Through the United Nations and through the support of all peo-ple who are looking for real just peace in the Middle East." He said he had expected Isra-

el to reject his offer for direct talks with the PLO. He made the offer during a speech in Geneva last week, "But sooner or later they will

discover that peace is more important for them than anything else," he added. The Austrian government ex-

pressed support for the PLO but did not extend formal recition to the recently proclaimed Palestinian state, It said Austria does not recognize states without territory, but pledged political and humani-



Yasser Arafat, left, with President Kurt Waldheim of Austria on Monday during the PLO chairman's brief visit to Vienna.

### U.S. Decision to Meet PLO Opens Risky Path Toward Peace

By Thomas L. Friedman

New York Tunes Service WASHINGTON - The decision by the United States to open a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization has joked the Middle East, almost as much as a war, leaving elation and celebra-tion in the Arab world, shock and numbness in Jerusalem.

U.S., Arab and Israeli diplomats and analysts say this sudden turn of events could, if handled adroitly by all the parties concerned, open the way for the first real Palestinian-Israeli peace negotiations. If mishandled, though, they said, it clearly recognize the n could leave the Middle East further called Israel to exist. from peace than ever.

"We have just done something very, very significant, something that shakes the whole Middle East equation," said a State Department expert on the Middle East.

We, the Israelis and the Palestinians are now sailing together in uncharted waters. We are going to have to feel our way along as we go, and move very carefully. The Arabs love us now and the Israelis need us now, so we don't need to rush. But we can't turn back."

to confront some realities that they have been trying to ignore. For a long time now, the Israeli govern-

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ment and the PLO have been living in their own imagined time zones.

In the PLO time zone, it was always 1947 — PLO leaders seemed to feel that somehow the Palestinians would be able to gain a state of their own without having to clearly recognize the right of a state

Dec. 8, 1987 — the day before the start of the Palestinian intifada, or uprising, in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. In the Israeli time zone, it was widely believed that the Palestinians would continue to acqui-esce in the Israeli occupation, that the PLO could refrain from recog-

each other openly and unambigu-

"Israel has been jarred into reali- administration, according to ty," said Yaron Ezrahi, an Israeli political theorist close to the Labor Party, who teaches at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. "Our leaders of using West Bank Palestinians as were living in the most incredible and unrealistic universe, constructed entirely by their own hands.

"In this universe, American support was treated as though it were a divine right. Israel did not invest seriously in political initiatives visavis the Palestinians, and it was indifferent to the changes in Amer-In the Israeli time zone, it was ican public opinion. Now we are paying the price."

In the aftermath of the American-PLO dialogue, and Yasser Arafat's statement for the PLO recognizing Israel's right to exist, Israelis now face a stark choice: cither they continue to ignore the the Reagan administration would Palestinians' new approach and support Israel to the hilt, and that thereby run the risk of alienating the United States and a significant nizing Israel.

What the United States has done in opening talks with the PLO is let

segment of American Jewry, or they face up to the idea that some type of Palestinian homeland has believes that Israel should base its

The most immediate effect of the U.S.-PLO dialogue has been to force both Israelis and Palestinians to come to terms with the first indication of whether the both Palestinians and Palestinians to come to terms with the first indication of whether the both Israelis and Palestinians to come to terms with the first indication of whether the both Israelis and Palestinians to come to terms with the both Israelis and Palestinians to come to terms with the both Israelis and Palestinians to come to terms with the both Israelis and Palestinians to come to terms with the both Israelis and Palestinians to come to terms with the both Israelis and Palestinians to come to terms with the both Israelis and Israeli rity arrangements will produce 2 The first indication of whether stable peace with its Palestinian neighbors? Israelis are digesting the new reali-

ties could come early in the Bush

American Middle East experts,

when the United States is expected

to revive its longstanding proposal

a way of opening an indirect Israel-

Such an arrangement would get

the PLO into the diplomatic pro-

cess but without requiring any

more immediate concessions on its

part. At the same time, it would get

the Israelis to begin dealing with

the Palestinians as a legitimate

community, but without forcing

them to face an immediate decision

Sooner or later, however, Israeli

about negotiating with the PLO.

hi?" Is an Israeli one who believes

that Israel must occupy the West

Bank and Gaza Strip because the

PLO negotiating process.

"We've come a long way in clarilying ourselves vis-a-vis the Israesaid Sari Nusseibeh, a Palestinian professor at Bir Zeit Middle East expert said. University on the West Bank.

"Now it is time for the Israelis to be equally clear about how they see us. The United States cannot let them avoid that question any long-

Mr. Arafat has described Israel as a creation and extension of the United States — "America's spoiled baby." He felt it was not necessary to talk to the baby, only to its parent. Anwar Sadat once had the same impression of the

American-Israeli relationship. The Egyptian president, during politicians, who have lately been arguing over "Who is a Jew?," are his first negotiations with Israel afgoing to have to set aside that de-bate and decide "Who is an Israeabout Henry A. Kissinger and Israel's prime minister. Golda Meir: could tell this woman to leave my land, and she will do so."

Mr. Sadat eventually discovered that "this man" could only tell "this woman" so much, and that if world, Arab diplomats say. Egypt hoped to get its land back, it and in language that Israelis would find sincere.

in November 1977. State Depart- the Palestinians into a violent conment officials say they intend to frontation that derails everything.

make it unambiguously clear to the PLO that the diplomatic train that Mr. Arafat has just hopped aboard does not stop in Washington: Its destination is Jerusalem.

"We will not deliver the Israelis for the PLO," a State Department

"This is the first time that the moderate line has gotten real positive reinforcement from any American administration," said Rashid I. Khalidi, a Palestinian-American who is a professor of Middle East history at the University of Chica-

"Now that it has, it just took all the wind out of the sails of the hard-liners."

But the new opportunities of-fered by the dialogue could just as easily become dangers, if mishandled. The PLO could become so enamored with the idea of talking ter the 1973 war, was fond of saying to the United States that it will no be able to resist the temptation of et's prime minister. Golda Meir: trying to drive a wedge between "This man is the only one who Washington and Jerusalem. This could tell this woman to leave my would only lead the American-PLO dialogue to a dead end and result in disillusionment and dashed expectations in the Arab

As for the Israelis, they may find would have to talk to Israel directly the hard choices set before them so overwhelming that they will dig in their heels and man the barricades. That was the meaning of Mr. or, as some Arab diplomats fear, Sadat's landmark trip to Jerusalem succumb to the temptation to draw

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Mr. Kemp thanked Mr. Bush for cans by declaring the deficit, in earnointment and said he would effect, did not count. the appointment and said he would seek a public-private partnership to wage war on poverty.

Paraphrasing Martin Luther King Jr., Mr. Kemp said he has an audacious faith" in the nation's

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Mr. Bush hailed Mr. Kemp, 53, a hopes to complete the task before to do so. the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Kemp was known as one of the most ardent adherents to the supply side theory of economics litical ambitions of his own. He supply side theory of economics that President Ronald Reagan pursued, highlighted by the large income tax cuts of 1981. When the sederal deficit ballooned, Mr. Kemp astounded fellow Republi-

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> The president-elect said that "it doesn't concern me at all" that Mr. said Mr. Kemp was a man of "total honor and integrity."

> Asked if he had assurances that Mr. Kemp would shed his critic's role, Mr. Bush said: "I hope he hasn't shed it. I want the objectivity of his judgment, and knowing Jack, I'll get it."

Mr. Kemp said it was "absolutely necessary, and possible I believe, In prepared remarks, Mr. Bush to gain consensus on a public-pri-

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Mr. Kemp has called for pronomination with an appeal to bed- grams allowing public housing tenants to own their own homes, and Housing and Urban Development his cabinet, with six more to go, said Mr. Bush would raise taxes has long been a champion of so-in the new administration. The president-elect has said he despite a campaign-long pledge not called "urban enterprise zones" in which government-private programs would be developed to revi-

talize depressed cities. A former professional football player, Mr. Kemp served 18 years in Congress from a Buffalo, New York, district before seeking the Republican nomination earlier this

He faltered in the early contests and left the race by spring. He hinted broadly in withdrawing that he wanted to be considered

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# The Little Black Suit Wears Well

PARIS — It is 22 years since Yves Saint Laurent re-drew the female silhouette along party lines. If you went out tonight in Paris wearing the first tuxedo Saint Lau-

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rent designed in 1966, you would be right on fashion target: neat black jacket, fresh white shirt, highwaisted pants with deep satin cummerhund

Nothing it seems, will wean the Parisienne from her Little Black Suit. It is seen around everywhere this season: as a broad-shouldered blazer with licorice black satin lapels above the briefest of skirts; a short, cropped matador's jacket with skinny skirt or pants; a feminized suit with a curvy jacket and kicky peplum frill; or a straight-asa-die coatdress falling to the floor. The most important accessory is a great pair of legs encased in shiny black Lycra tights, another hit of

Fashion's advance guard carry a pocketbook by its handle and add a pair of slinky gloves. The troops sling a miniature Chanel bag over the shoulder or tuck a purse under one arm. Shoes are plain pumps in francs, or about \$1,450, apiece) and suede or grosgrain, with flatter with the same best sellers in New court slippers for the younger York. Rome, Madrid and Tokyo.

awarded himself fashion's Legion d'Honneur - he got the real thing from President François Mitter-

smoking" (if indeed, it ever went under a short sharp jacket swinging away) go to Yves Saint Laurent. He over naked breasts. Spoilsport Parisians are wearing it more classi-cally over a black silk blouse.

What has changed in 22 years? rand in 1985 — as a scarlet ribbon The dinner suit for women started in the lapel of an ankle-length wool its fashion life longer ago than that crepe tuxedo dress in his latest couway back in the 1930s and '40s, when cabaret stars - most spectac-That contained a parade of 22 ularly Marlene Dietrich and Judy "smokings," each coal black, but Garland - put on top hat and tails curved snugly to the body, the la- with high-heeled shoes. The effect

Yves Saint Laurent has reinvented his own classics, redefining the taut-shouldered tuxedo jacket as the suit of today with wide shoulders and a defined waist.

petals of a flower and the waistime draped as nonchalantly as a bath-

The deluxe tux is walking out worldwide from Saint Laurent's ready-to-wear Rive Gauche boutiques. The house reports a phe-nomenal success this season for the inimitable tuxedo suits, with 500 seiling per Paris boutique (at 8,800 The wittiest suit has a skirt with a All honors for the revival of "Le satin lapel folded across the thigh.

pels opening on the bosom like the was deliberately sophisticated cross-dressing, with a whiff of dec-

> That did not have much to do with the youthful tuxedos that Yves Saint Laurent launched in the 1960s as part of a female wardrobe based on male tailoring. His skill has been to re-invent his own classics, redefining the taut-shouldered tuxedo jacket with its skinny arms and flared trouser legs, as the suit of today with wide shoulders and a defined waist. Skirts are currently far more popular than pants. This winter's softer styles in

reflex to changing attitudes, as women return to femininity at the end of the androgynous '80s.

The appeal of the dinner suit this year, as in so many other seasons, is that it is such an uncomplicated, practical and sensible way to dress for evenings - especially for working women and in a strikebound Paris where the most simple journey becomes a hazardous adventure. Stores report brisk sales of accessories to women who know that a change of earnings and a bold pin can give a festive touch to a suit that works as hard as they do. The general acceptance of the

tuxedo for maître d's and gala evenings, is due to the late Duke of Windsor, who as the dashing young Prince of Wales in the 1920's cast off (literally and metaphorically) the stuffed shirt fashion of white tie and tails. The simple dinner jacket \*\*: and soft shirt was a new deal for men. Ironically, young men this season are buttoning themselves back into brocade vests, wing-collar shirts and double-breasted tux-

The elegant and stylish Duke of Windsor would cut a dash in his specially designed tuxedo of midnight blue broadcloth with black satin lapels. Among the massed ranks of black at any Paris party, even this subtle departure from convention would be a bold fash-







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Yves Saint Laurent's original 1966 tuxedo (left), his crêpe dinner dress tuxedo and his 1988 tuxedo with blazer and short skirt.

### U.S Films at Home Abroad

By Aljean Harmetz
New York Times Service

LOS ANGELES — Until a few years ago, American movie studios aimed most of their films at customers from Buffalo to San Diego, although there have always been some movies that worked well abroad.

The James Bond movies routinely grossed \$50 million to \$60 million in the United States and considerably more overseas. Violent action films crossed cultural barriers without a snag, but most other movies failed to score with foreign audiences, who understood a punch better than a punch line.

These days, with help from the falling dollar, an explosion in the television and video markets, and advertising campaigns tai-lored to individual countries, the Hollywood movie is earning more and more of its money abroad. One example is "Fatal Attraction." A blockbuster in the United States with ticket sales of \$157 million, the movie has tak- diana went hatless in the new Japen in an additional \$187 million

in theaters abroad. "Who Framed Roger Rabbit," Canada, has already sold \$56 million worth of tickets overseas.

Success in one market gives a movie enough visibility so that it has a head start toward success in the next. Paramount has also begun fine tuning its marketing campaigns.

"When 'Raiders of the Lost Ark' was released in Japan, we showed Indiana Jones with his whip, hat and leather jacket in place," said Sidney Gams, the new co-president of Paramount's motion picture group. "In terms of our expectations, the picture was disappointing."

Before "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom," the sequel to "Raiders," was released, Paramount had learned that the hat made the hero seem too much like a cowboy to the Japanese. So In-

anese advertisements and Temple of Doom" was a success.

Sean Connery is a good actor whose sales are nearing \$150 mil-lion in the United States and most of the rest of the world.

The American advertising campaign for "The Untouchables" featured the huge face of Robert De Niro as the gangster Al Capone towering over his Treasury agent nemesis played by Kevin Costner, while the other good guys, including Connery as a burly Chicago policeman, were in the background.

In the German advertisements, Connery was in the foreground with Costner. "In Europe, Connery became the way we sold the picture," Ganis said.

No matter what the advertising, most Hollywood comedies still do not travel well. Disney's "Good Morning, Vietnam," with Robin Williams, was a \$124 million blockbuster at U.S. theaters but a mediocre performer

# 'William Tell' at La Scala — All of It

By David Stevens

tional Herald Tribune MILAN - The choice of "William Tell" to open the season at La Scala may mean that Rossini's final stage work is about to lose its strange distinction of being probably the most famous unknown opera of all time. Famous because of the popularity of one of the composer's greatest overtures, even without the Lone Ranger's help; unknown because so little performed, and then usually in truncated versions.

That Riccardo Muti got the biggest share of the applause, not only after the overture, but more than five hours later during the final curtain calls, was a tribute to his passionate and nuanced conducting and the splendid playing of the Scala orchestra. It was also a tribute to the integrity of the opera, for Muti characteristically played it; all, two ballets included, four hours of music, in the Rossini Foundation's new critical edition (by Elizabeth C. Bartlett). And it was sung in a revised Italian translation (by Paolo Cattelan), more respectful of the mu

cal line and the spirit of the French original.

his first original French opera. And although it was planned as the first of five operas in 10 years commissioned for the Paris Opera, he never again wrote another, although he lived 40 more years. Whatever his reason, "Wil-liam Tell" is the end of a line. It has a rich and varied score in which the exuberance of bel canto is balanced by a kind of classical austerity. It also stands at the threshold of the Romantic era, which he left to others.

Even in 1829 it was thought too long. In time its four acts were compressed into three - even the current edition of the Kobbe "Complete Opera Book" calls it an opera in four acts, but gives a three-act synopsis. Then it was reduced to Act 2 alone, played on mixed programs. An admirer is said to have gushed to the composer about having seen the second act the night before at the Opera; "What!" replied Rossini. "All of it?"

Muti, conducting his third production of give an appearance stage action, the opera—he did it twice in Florence in the 70s - assembled an excellent and well bal- motion pictures - filmed by Federico Felanced cast. The crucial casting problem is the terrifyingly high tenor role of Arnold, solved here as well as it is ever likely to be in the modern era by the American tenor Chris Merritt. At Saturday's performance he dis-"William Tell" is a singular work on several counts. Although Rossini had revised several of his Italian operas for Paris, this was played a robust voice, stylishly handled, and played a robust voice, styli

from a couple of desperate sounding yelps in mountain were atmospheric. At other times the Act 2 oath-swearing trio.

Giorgio Zancanaro sang the title role with his customary elegance and suavity, but without the vocal weight it often needs, and in his vaguely 1800-ish costume he was more the country squire than the robust Swiss patriot. Cheryl Studer sang Mathilde with a grandness belitting the lovelorn Hapsburg princess, and brilliantly cleared the role's vocal hurdles. Giorgio Surjan was an elegant Walter, and Luigi Rom roared mightily as the beastly tyrant Gessler.

The production by Luca Roncom and his collaborators (Gianni Quaranta, sets, Vera Marzot, costumes) was by turns curiously effective and irritating, relying more on its technical gimmickry than on the singers to

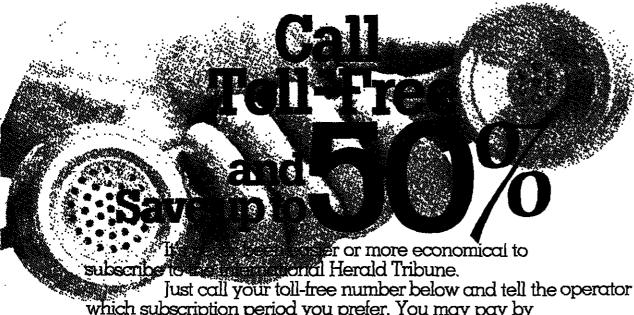
The most striking scenic element was the lmi's longtime collaborator Giuseppe Rotunno -- projected on a backdrop of sliding screens. Sometimes they worked dramatical-

took his frequent flights into the stratosphere up from beneath the stage, and the views of thrillingly and with apparent ease, aside fires signaling insurrection from mountain to they seemed like a Swiss travelogue or were decorative more or less like old-fashioned painted flats, or just irrelevant.

But the branches swaved and the water flowed - which a lot of the time was more action than Ronconi asked of the singers. They functioned within a constructed set in front of the screens that consisted mainly of a kind of wooden anditorium, like seats in a lecture hall or the pews in the church of some austere sect.

If the costumes had any other purpose than the modish one of setting the opera in the epoch of the composer's life, it was not clear. It often seemed as if a Brechtian atienation effect was in operation, but repeatedly overridden by Rossini's music. But the celebrated apple-shooting scene was pulled off with a nifty bit of stage trickery.

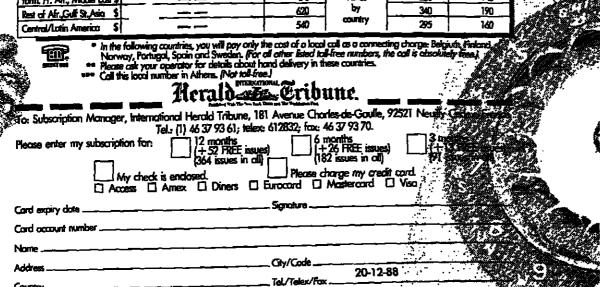
"William Tell" has further performances Dec. 20, 23, 27 and 30. Guglielmo Tell becomes Guillaume Tell when French-ianguage version using the Ronconi production is scheduled at the Théâtre des Champs-Elysées in Paris in March and at the Nice



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### INTERNATIONAL STOCK MARKETS

### **Jakarta Exchange Booms** On Hard Facts, Star-Gazing

By JONATHAN THATCHER

AKARTA — Jakarta's once lethargic stock market is climbing to new highs. Some brokers predict further sharp rises but others warn it may already be overheating. The market, previously most notable for rising during the 1987 stock market collapse, is being driven largely by economic factors, especially recent deregulation. But at least one broker says

astrology also plays a role.

The market index on Friday rose to a record 366.63 from 245 the previous day in the marker's biggest jump since it opened in 1977. The index stood at around 100 in April. Brokers said foreign interest in Jakarta stocks after measures to open up the

economy was significant. "This boom is the first in the market's history," said Agus Salim Abbas, a broker with PT Aksara Kencana. "It's due to the

Last week the

market index

growing interest from foreign investors. But most of all, the stock market has been affected by the new deregulation packages, U.S. aid to boost the market, and positive analysis on Asian stock markets in

-recorded its biggest jump since it opened general. In October, Indonesia inin 1977. troduced a tax on time depos-

its, by far the largest local form of investment, putting these on a more equal footing with shares, which were already taxed.

Since then, business has soared and volume on the market is now more than 90,000 shares a day. A year ago 2,000 was average, and some days had no transactions at all.

Another major change came a year ago when a restriction on movement in share prices of 4 percent a day was removed. More company bonds are also being listed.

Marzuki Usman, chairman of the Capital Market Executive Board, said that now "dividends can reach 19 percent a month, capital gains 20 percent a month, and that's higher than time deposit interest."

The stock market has only 24 listed shares, and foreigners may directly invest in just eight of them.

"I think foreigners are buying a lot of shares through proxies and brokers," a foreign share analyst said. "The stock market has been rising steadily over the past year but lately it's been on a

ROKERS SAID one general attraction had been a belief that Jakarta stocks were undervalued. "I am convinced the share index will continue to rise next year," said Mr. Abbas of PT Aksara Kencana. He predicted the index would hit 500 by the end of this month.

"We are hoping 50 companies will go public in 1989," he said.
"By next year we will be comparable with stock markets in Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand."

Mr. Abbas said that early in the new year the exchange might

introduce an afternoon session. There is currently only a twohour morning session. Sanu Permana, director of the PT Aperdi brokerage, injected a note of caution, saying prices had risen so fast that shares were

now overvalued. "If the number of traded shares does not increase," he said,

"share trading will be in danger because current price levels no longer relate to the companies' performance." One new avenue opening up for investors is an over-the-counter market, which is expected to start up next month with the

first shares in a provincial taxi firm, PT Zebra Taxi. Whatever the fundamentals, one broker saw guidance from the stars as yet another driving market force. "Many Asian investors

believe that this dragon year will bring luck in their business and the stock market as well." The Chinese year of the dragon ends in early February.

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victories in three U.S.-Japanese joint ventures, the latest last week at the Diamond-Star plant in Bloomington, Illinois, a venture of Chrysler Corp. and

with Japanese carmakers who are setting up shop in the United States. Mitsubishi Motors Corp. The union has been helped by the fact In doing so, the union is stemming a loss of members and bolstering its posithat at the joint-venture plants, the Japanese management, in deference to their tion as the intermediary between Ameri-American partners, have not actively opposed the union. can autoworkers and the industry for the

foresecable future. More important, at those plants the union has moderated its bargaining pos-ture on such key issues as work rules, The Big Three U.S. automakers are benefiting from the union's cooperation with the Japanese as they negotiate an supplementary pay and job classificaincreasing number of union contracts based on Japanese labor practices, which give the companies' greater productivity.

To a large extent, the growing cooperation of labor stems from a dawning awareness that overcapacity in the indus-try will almost certainly mean that only the most productive plants will be able to stay open in the future.

The UAW wants to represent workers at the Japanese plants, as well as to keep its existing plants competitive.

UAW Learns to Compromise With Japanese Automakers

The Japanese companies, accustomed to pliant unions in Japan, seem satisfied working with the UAW.

"Japanese managers are very pragmatsaid Vladimir Pucik, director of the East Asian business program at the University of Michigan. "Of course, they would prefer not to deal with unions here, but when they do, the relationship turns out to be very comfortable."

James Gill, a spokesman for Mazda Motor Corp., said: "The UAW has been helpful to Mazda at our Flat Rock plant. The union is a resource for dealing with problems instead of dealing with 3,000 individuals."

In a practice that is unusual for American auto plants, union officials at the Ford-Mazda joint venture assembly plant in Flat Rock, Michigan, sit in on Mazda production planning meetings and may make suggestions to managers on topics such as the speed of the assem-

Besides the Diamond-Star and Flat Rock plants, the UAW has won the right to represent workers at the GM-Toyota joint venture assembly plant in Fremont, California.

But the union has not managed to gain a stronghold in any Japanese plants. Af-ter three years of hard campaigning, the UAW still has not felt confident enough to request a representation election at the

Nissan Motor Co. assembly plant in Smyrna, Tennessee.

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The union withdrew its application to hold an election at the Honda Motor Corp. plant in Marysville, Ohio, when it looked as if union support was not great.

So far the union has not mounted a formal organizing effort at Toyota Motor Corp.'s new assembly complex in Georgetown, Kentucky, although a union spokesman said. It is fair to say that having that plant organized eventu-ally is important to the UAW."

The UAW represents about 6,500 workers at Japanese-managed automotive parts and assembly plants in the United States; it represents about

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### Elf to Buy Stake in U.K. Firm

By Doron P. Levin
New York Times Service
DETROIT — Using a strategy of

"compromise and organize," the United

Auto Workers union is coming to terms

The UAW has still not won recogni-

tion at any plants owned and operated

### **Enterprise Boosts** North Sea Activity

By Warren Getler

LONDON — Société Nationale Elf-Aquitaine, the French oil company, said Monday that it had agreed to acquire a 25.2 percent stake in Enterprise Oil PLC for 3.8 billion francs (\$632 million) from London & Scottish Marine Oil

The French exploration and development concern said it would not bid for all of Enterprise, a British North Sea oil company, for at least a year after acquiring the 25.2 percent stake. Elf has been active in making and attempting acquisitions in recent months.

Analysts said the price offered for the Enterprise holding, equiva-lent to a net 450 pence (\$8.23) per share, was below recent expectations of 500 to 600 pence. They said that indicated that the weak oil market had depressed petroleum companies' stock prices. When London & Scottish Marine Oil, known as Lasmo, put its Enterprise stake up for sale earlier this year, estimates of the price ranged up to 700 pence a share.

"It was considerably below expectations," said Nick Antill, an oil analyst with County NatWest Securities in London, referring to the price, "and this seems to suggest that the equity market has overshot the valuations that the industry is now putting on oil and gas assets."

Eastern Air

Shuttle Sale

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

judge approved on Monday the

sale of the Eastern Air Lines

Northeastern shuttle service to Donald J. Trump, a \$365 million deal that labor leaders had chal-

lenged as a union-busting effort.

based holding company that owns Eastern and Continental Airlines,

has long been trying to strip East-ern of the profitable shuttle, argu-

ing that the struggling airline needs

the cash to survive.

But the carrier's workers have argued that the shuttle sale was

part of a plan for Texas Air to

dismantle Eastern and reconstruc-

it as a nonunion carrier.
There is no doubt "that an ongoing struggle has and will continue

to exist between Eastern" and its

three unions, District Judge Barrington D. Parker wrote in his opinion. "However, the court feels that equally plausible is the idea

that management is seeking to re-build the company and place it on a sound financial footing."
"Hopefully, the management of

Eastern will not see this decision as

an invitation to undervalue the interests of its unions," Judge Parker Mr. Trump, the casino owner and real estate developer, has said he will rename the service the Trump Shut-

tle. The shuttle provides flights from New York to Boston and Washing-

(AP, Reuters)

Texas Air Corp., the Houston-

WASHINGTON - A U.S.

Enterprise stock plunged to 478 pence a share in trading on the London Stock Exchange on Monday, down from 546 on Friday. It

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Georges Salomon, chief executive, left, with an employee at a ski binding research center.

### Salomon Seeks Still Higher Peaks

### Innovator in Ski Gear Again on Verge of Diversifying

Judge Clears Peugeot and Fiat Expand Utility Vehicle Venture

the speculation.

region's principal port.

By Julie Sell International Herald Tribune

ANNECY, France - Like a strong skier who is

neither timid nor reckless, Salomon SA has found success in the ski equipment business with the right mix of care and daring. But unlike most skiers, Salomon has mastered a series of new, progressively bigger challenges with-

out taking any falls. Since it was founded by the Salomon family 41 years ago to make saw blades and ski edges, the

company has successfully expanded into a series of winter sports markets. The emphasis on new products is reflected in the fact that the company research and development. The investment has paid off. Today it has a 33

percent share in the 6.3 billion French franc (\$1.05) billion) world market for alpine and cross-country ski boots and bindings. It is No. 1 worldwide in sales of alpine bindings and cross-country boots, and No. 2 in alpine ski boots.

By Barry James

SpA of Italy announced Monday that they would reopen mothballed auto plants to aug-ment production of light utility vehicles in a

major expansion of an existing joint venture.

A communique issued by Peugeot said joint

production of vehicles is likely to more than

double from the present 500 a day, a rate that

The two companies produce a medium-sized panel van sold in France as the Peugeot J5 and the Citroën C25, and in Italy as the Fiat Du-

A new agreement on industrial cooperation was signed in Turin by Jacques Calvet, president of the board of Peugeot, and Cesare Ro-

Industry sources speculated the expansion is

designed to produce a new model that would

rival the Espace produced by Renault of

France, a luxurious cross between a car and a

miti, group managing director for Fiat Cars.

represents less than 100,000 a year.

International Herald Tribune
PARIS — Peugeot SA of France and Fiat

Salomon's best-known innovation — a plastic,

rear-entry alpine boot - electrified the ski world when it was introduced in 1979.

The company that analysts laud for its clear strategic planning sees itself at a crossroads today. "Salomon is at an exceptional moment of its

history," said Michel Barthod, the general manager. Three factors have led to this turning point, he noted: an expanded search for new, technologically advanced products that could eventually lead to ventures outside sporting goods; organizational changes as the group grows and diversifies; and the preparation of a future management team.

The company is preparing to enter another sector of the winter sports market - its first ski will be introduced in 1990 - but worldwide growth in the ski-equipment industry is almost stagment, and Salomon has concluded that its urge to diversify again will likely be fulfilled in a new industry.

"The story of their growth is the story of successful diversifications, one after another," said Jean-See SALOMON, Page 13

van, which has been a runaway success in an emerging European market for recreational ve-

"They face heavy competition because sever-

al manufacturers are trying to get into that

market," said John Lawson, auto industry ana-

lyst at Nomura Research Institute in London.

Neither Peugeot nor Fiat would comment on

Peugeot is to reopen a former Talbot produc-

News of the 3 billion franc (\$498.8 million)

vestment, which eventually will create about

3,000 jobs, was welcomed in the depressed

Nord-Pas-de-Calais area, where unemploy-ment hovers around 20 percent. The announce-

ment follows on the news that Pechiney SA will built an aluminum plant at Dunkerque, the

Peugeot said the French plant would produce

finished vehicles for the two participating groups when it goes into production in 1993.

tion plant at Hordain near the frontier with

Belgium. The plant was closed last year.

### Pillsbury Yields To Grand Met 2 Deals Are Set

Defenseless,

CHICAGO — Pillsbury Co., its takeover defense in ruins, has agreed to be acquired by Grand Metropolitan PLC for \$5.68 billion after a two-month struggle.
On Friday, Grand Met won a

major court ruling, striking down Pillsbury's "poison pill" defense, and on Sunday, Pillsbury accepted the British conglomerate's latest offer: \$66 a share in cash for Pillsbury's 86 million common shares

On Monday, Pillsbury's stock was up \$3.125 to \$65.375 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Grand Met will gain control of some of the best-known names on American grocery store shelves, in-cluding Green Giant packaged vegetables, Haagen-Dazs ice cream and Pillsbury cake mixes and flour.

Pillsbury's 14-member board accepted the offer late Sunday at a meeting in Minneapolis, where the company is based. That ended a battle that began with Grand Met's initial offer of \$60 a share early in October.

Stock market analysts said Pillsbury's defenses had fallen apart because the company had failed to prove to Wall Street and in the courts that its restructuring plan would make its shares worth more than Grand Met's offer, Reuters

Under the plan, Pillsbury would have spun off its Burger King Corp. unit and paid special dividends. But the company never specified the value of the dividends and never said how much the Burger King stock would sell for on the open

An old Alfa Romeo plant at Pomigliano

d'Arco, a depressed area near Naples, also is to

Peugeot and Fiat have cooperated since 1978 through a jointly owned company known as Société Européenne de Véhicules Légers, Sevel.

which produces utility vehicles in its plant at

Mr. Lawson said the joint venture has gradu-

ally increased volume and given both manufac-turers a "very good position in the market" for light commercial vehicles.

"There has been an explosive market for recreational vehicles in the United States, which until now has not been the case in Eu-

But that is changing, and the European mar-ket is starting to look crowded, he said. Not only has Renault exceeded every production

goal with the Espace, but Japanese carmakers Nissan Motor Co. and Mazda Motor Corp. are

gearing up for a major sales offensive with similar vehicles.

rope, where the life-style is different."

Val di Sangrio in Italy.

### izes in grilled chicken, was last year the fifth largest restaurant chain in Germany, with 125 company-managed restaurants and 107 franchises. It had sales of 250 million Deutsche marks (\$142 million). Spaghetti Factory has five

For Restaurants

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches

LONDON — Grand Met-ropolitan said Monday that it

had agreed to buy the Wiener-

wald restaurant chain in West

Germany and the Spaghetti

Factory chain in Switzerland

for a combined total of almost

Wienerwald, which special-

£20 million (\$36 million).

pasta restaurants in Switzerland with sales of 10 million Swiss francs (\$6.7 million). (Reuters, UPI) "If you're going to use your poison pill, you'd better come up with a better offer," Renters quoted Ste-

Jaffray & Hopwood, as saying in Based in London, Grand Met has primarily been a liquor company, producing and marketing such spirits as Smirnoff vodka, J&B Scotch whisky and Bailey's Irish

ven Carnes, an analyst with Piper

Cream liqueur. With the Pillsbury acquisition. Grand Met will have an additional source of earnings that will provide a balance should profits from its

iquor business falter. The takeover is the latest in a wave of mergers and recapitaliza-tions in the foods business. Among other deals, Philip Morris Cos. acquired General Foods Corp. and, recently, Kraft Inc.; R.J. Reynolds Industries, which recently voted to go private, acquired Nabisco Brands Inc.; Beatrice Cos. went

private in a leveraged buyout and Nestle SA acquired Carnation Co. As analysts see it in the five cases, the target company was a food manufacturer that was not making the most of its valuable shelf space. Likewise, the analysts said, Pillsbury has not marketed its brands as aggressively as it might and, in general, has turned in a weak financial performance.

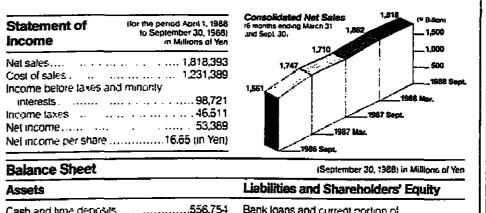
Thus, the feeling among the analysts was that Grand Met would use its financial clout and marketing expertise to strengthen Pills-

bury's efforts in supermarkets.

They probably see in Pillsbury some underdeveloped brand names," said George Rosenbaum, a marketing consultant based in Chicago. "Once Grand Met has its

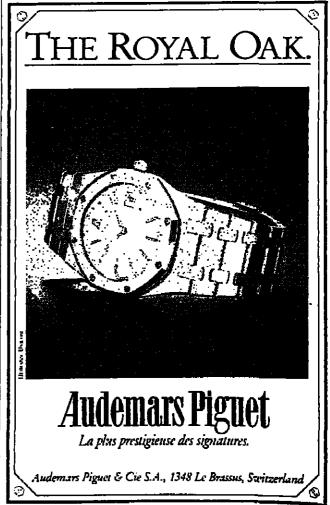
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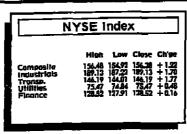
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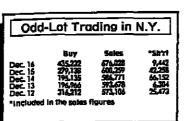
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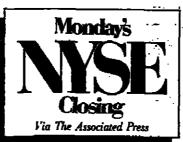
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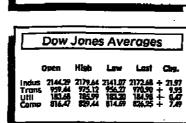
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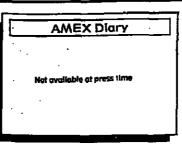
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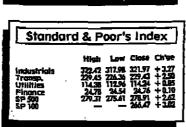










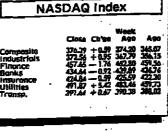


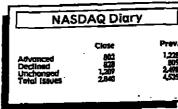
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NEW YORK - Prices closed higher in moderate trading Monday on the New York Stock Exchange, with blue chips leading the broader market to a second consecutive session of

The Dow Jones industrial average, which had risen 17.71 Friday, rose 21.97 to close at 2,172.68.

Advances led declines by about a 705 ratio. Volume was 162.25 million shares, down from 196.49 million traded Friday.

NYSE composite index rose 1.22 to 156.38. Standard & Poor's 500-stock index rose 2.62 to close at 278.91. The price of an average share Analysts said the session had begun with

"There are some huge cash positions out

trading at First Albany Corp., in Albany, New York. Mr. Doran said the market had seen "conservative investing" in the past few sessions amid higher interest rates and fears of a possible

"The market has been frozen in a narrow

that interest rates have peaked. He added, however, that this may not occur by year-end.

Sid Dorr, vice president of block trading at Robinson-Humphrey Co. in Atlanta, said Mon-day's performance was part of a trend that started in February, when the market began working its way higher "one notch at a time. "Many people were waiting for a pullback in prices, which we didn't get," he said. "But there is some amount of money trying to come into

J.P. Morgan was the most active issue, up % to 36%. The stock goes ex-dividend Tuesday.

Portland General, which also goes ex-dividend Tuesday, followed, unchanged at 22%. Pillsbury was third, up more than 3½ to 65%. Pillsbury and Grand Metropolitan PLC said Sunday they have agreed to a \$66-a-share, \$5.68

AT&T rose 1/2 to 30. IBM rose 11/2 to 1221/4. Among other blue chips, General Electric rose 1 to 46, Sears rose ½ to 40% and General Motors rose 2½ to 88. News reports said General al Motors is discussing buying a portion of its Class H shares from the stock's largest holder, the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, to re-

Acquisition Corp., a new corporation organized by senior management personnel of London-town. The agreement calls for Eldersberg to acquire Londontown for \$178 million.

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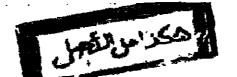
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### U.K. to Investigate 2 NatWest Units

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tion would concentrate on the roles the world rankings of employment LONDON — Two subsidiaries of County NatWest Ltd. and agencies. County NatWest Securities Ltd. in the \$1.32 billion takeover by Blue Arrow PLC of Manpower Inc. of the United States, the world's largest temporary employment agency.

A Trade and Industry Department spokesman said the investiga-

### Icahn Raises Texaco Stake

WASHINGTON - Carl C. Icahn, the chairman of Trans World Airlines Inc., has raised his stake in Texaco Inc. to 16.2 percent from 15.83 percent.

In a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Mr. Icahn said he held 39,669,600 shares, or 16.2 percent of Texaco's common stock outstanding. In his previous SEC filing, dated Dec. 13, Mr. icahn said he held 15.83 percent.

Mr. Icahn also stated that he was not acting with any partner or other was contained in a one-para-

graph letter to James W. Kinnear, president and chief executive officer of Texaco. A copy of the letter

was contained in the filing. Mr. Icahn gave no reason for the latest purchases, which were made on Dec. 13 and 14. The purchases, on the New York Stock Exchange, were made at \$51.375 to \$52.375 a

Mr. Icahn's letter appeared to be a response to published reports that Texaco was planning to renew a lawsuit charging him with securi-ties laws violations.

The suit has been dormant since er undisclosed person in respect to the proxy battle between the com-the Texaco holdings. The disclaim-pany and its largest shareholder

### **Drexel Rejects** Offer to Settle, Source Says

ment firm and expects to be

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A spokeswoman at Drexel

would not comment but said

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Bruce Baird, head of the se-

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The chief executive of

Drexel, Frederick H. Joseph,

has said that unless a plea-

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the firm will be accused of charges including racketeer-ing, insider trading and securi-

a statement later Monday.

also would not comment.

investigation said Monday.

NatWest, which has promised full cooperation, said it was looking at events that already have been investigated internally. County NatWest, the bank's in-

vestment banking arm, was left with 9.4 percent of Blue Arrow after the group tried to seli £837 million (\$1.5 billion) of new shares to finance the Manpower deal. The inspectors will look at County NatWest's role in the Manpower takeover as Blue Arrow's merchant bank and at its subsequent shareholding in Blue Arrow.

County NatWest incurred a loss of more than £50 million by organizing the Blue Arrow share issue to pay for Manpower. It has promised not to sell its stake before next

market-making and share-dealing section, County NatWest Securi-After the investigation was an-nounced, NatWest shares fell on

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ties fraud. The firm and several employees have denied civil the London Stock Exchange, and closed 8 pence lower at 516 pence.

### Thyssen Posted Major Gains In Its Net Profit Last Year

DUSSELDORF - Thyssen AG

said Monday that group net profit for the year ended Sept. 30 more NEW YORK — The board of Drexel Burnham Lambert than doubled, to 680 million Deutinc. has turned down a gov-criment offer to settle crimische marks (\$387 million) from 302 million DM a year earlier. Pretax profit for the year nal charges against the invest-

climbed to 1.16 billion DM from 535 million, and the company raised its dividend to 7.50 DM from 5 DM. Thyssen said in a statement that

group third-party sales rose to 29.2 billion DM from 26.6 billion DM. The parent company and all divisions made a profit in the latest

fiscal year. Thyssen Edelstahl-Werke AG, a steel subsidiary, raised sales to 3.9 billion DM from 3.4 billion DM and raised its profit, while Thyssen Stahl AG increased sales to 10.1 billion DM from 9.4 billion DM.

The trading and services subsidiary Thyssen Handelsunion AG raised sales to 12.8 billion DM from 12.4 billion DM and raised profit once again, the statement

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Business in engineering and pro- North Sea assets this year. It folcessing increased sales to 9.3 billion DM from 9.1 billion.

Included in this sector are the Thyssen subsidiaries Thyssen Industrie AG, whose sales fell to 5.1 billion DM from 5.2 billion DM, and the U.S. unit Budd Corp., whose sales were steady at 1.4 bil-

Biohm & Voss AG, another subsidiary, continued to post losses. Group fixed-asset investment Norwegian jumped to 2.1 billion DM from 1.2 that move.

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employees was 127,778 at the end of September, down from 132,916.

The number of workers in West hold if the British company were to Germany declined to 105,621 from dilute its stake by issuing more

(Continued from first finance page) "Elf actually looks likes : had been as low as 435 pence after made a good and cheap purch and it now has a blocking stake " the deal was announced, The move by Elf was its second major acquisition of British-owned

panies in Britain. Saga Petroleum A/S of Norway

to acquire it but that it had refused.

Another French company, Total-

Compagnie Française des Petroles,

tried to raise its stake in Saga to 35

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ELF: Takes Stake in U.K. Compa:

Enterprise," said Mr. Antili : County NatWest. Another b shareholder, ICI PLC, with 25 percent, is restricted on the amount of lowed the April purchase of the oil its stake it can sell before 1991. and gas operations of RTZ Corp. for £308 million. Elf said it was now one of the five biggest oil com-

Lasmo said the sale would significantly improve the health of its balance sheet, swinging it to a net cash surplus of £270 million from a said last month that Elf had offered

debt position of £100 million. Lasmo, the only British oil producer to have the bulk of its assets outside the North Sea, sought to dispose of the Enterprise stake because it was concerned about keeping so much of its capital tied up in an investment outside of its con

The improved cash position — equivalent to a doubling of the company's cash flow — would permit further development of existing oil and gas fields and help finance future acquisitions. Lasmo executives said.

Some Lasmo executives, accord ing to industry sources, were concerned that Lasmo was vulnerable to a takeover attempt by a predator

seeking to acquire Enterprise. The concern was that a predator for Enterprise might first attempt a takeover of Lasmo

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### KKR Seeking Bank Loans

TOKYO - Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co., the U.S. investment bank, has asked a group of leading Japanese commercial banks to extend it loans totaling nearly \$5 billion to help finance its \$25 billion leveraged buyout of RJR Nabisco Inc., banking sources said. At least 11 Japanese banks received formal requests from Kohl-

berg Kravis last week, sources said. Henry R. Kravis, a partner in the firm, arrived in Tokyo on Sunday to discuss details with the Japanese banks at a meeting

scheduled for Wednesday, they said.

Kohlberg Kravis had scheduled a meeting in New York late

Monday to ask about 38 international banks, including Japanese banks, to help it complete the largest leveraged buyout ever, half of which would be financed by bank loans, the sources said.

Kohlberg Kravis needs to have a separate meeting in Tokyo to hold direct talks with officials at their headquarters because Japanese banks are expected to play a major part in the deal, the sources

The firm had asked the Japanese banks to put up about \$500 million each, they said, although most were still uncommitted to the

The Japanese banks include eight leading city banks: Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank Ltd., Sumitomo Bank Ltd., Fuji Bank Ltd., Mitsui Bank Ltd., Bank of Tokyo Ltd. and Tokai Bank Ltd.; and three long-term credit banks: Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan Ltd., Industrial Bank of Japan Ltd. and Nippon Credit Bank Ltd.

UAW: Union Works With Japanese

480,000 workers at General Motors affected job security, but the union

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The union has been wary of team

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by formally offering \$60 a share, time to sell Pillsbury."

managed to evade Grand Met, even after the British company decided last Monday to raise its bid to \$63 a

Steak & Ale and Bennigan's restau-

Last Friday, however, Robert S. Grand Met's chairman. Rifkind, a partner at the New York Grand Met has also said it plans law firm Cravath, Swaine & Moore, to reduce staffing at Pillsbury's

judge in Wilmington to rule against Pillsbury.

For many Pillsbury people, the ecision to sell to Grand Met is struck down the defense plan. The

"Pillsbury did very well for it-And on Oct. 4, when Grand Met self," said June Page, an analyst at the Wall Street firm Bear, Stearns & Co. "In my own work, I was not able to come up with a higher value for the company than \$58 a share."

News that Pillsbury will be sold is also likely to be greeted warmly by its Burger King franchisees Many of them grew irate when Pillsbury said it would have Burger

Under the merger, Pillsbury will retain its name and its headquarquor retailer like Pillsbury, whose ters in Minneapolis, Grand Met Steak & Ale and Bennigan's restaubecome the headquarters for its

### PILLSBURY: Grand Met Wins

(Continued from first finance page) foundation in the United States, it is likely to expand its food business. There are a number of regional food companies Grand Met

could acquire." decision to sell to Grand Met is likely be a sore disappointment. About two years ago, the company's directors adopted several anti-

takeover defenses to keep Pillsbury Last June, sensing that the company's low stock price might make it a tempting target for a raider, William H. Spoor, who was then

cat and dog fight, just let someone or \$516 million, for stockholders.

"Pillsbury did very well for itfirst expressed interest in Pillsbury

the company quickly responded by saying that "now is not the right For two months, Pillsbury had

Pillsbury first cited laws that prohibited a liquor manufacturer like Grand Met from owning a li-

rant subsidiaries serve alcohol.

Also blocking Grand Met was Pillsbury's poison pill, which would have allowed the company's shareholders to buy stock at half price prohibitively costly.

tracts with new manufacturing Support for progressive labor concepts like kaizen," which is Jappresented arguments that persuad- headquarters.

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Saying that Grand Met did not threaten to dismember Pillsbury and that the conglomerate's offer ruling immediately prompted Pillsbury's representatives to begin ne-

gotiating The Pillsbury corner will be heartened by the price the compa-ny ultimately received for its shareholders. Before Grand Met's initial \$60 bid, Pillsbury's shares were trading at about \$30 each. More-Pillsbury's chairman and chief executive, said, "If you want to see a will obtain an additional Só a share,

King borrow heavily to pay the special dividend to shareholders.

worldwide food operation. But Grand Met is also expected

to make big changes at Pillsbury. Philip L. Smith, Pillsbury's chairand would have made a takeover man and chief executive, is expected to make way for Ian A. Martin,

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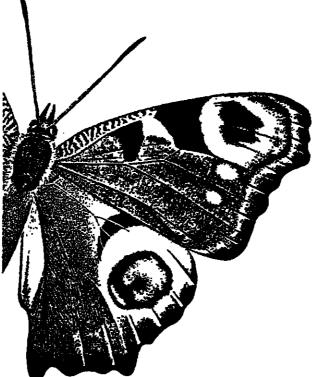
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"We see no technical or political reason to lelay the ban," the EC external relations commissioner, Willy De Clercq, told reporters after the decision by EC foreign ministers.

But he added the 12-nation bloc had agreed to narrow the scope of the ban by about onethird by excluding from meat for pet food.

sanctions quickly if Brussels goes ahead with the ban, the U.S. ambassador to the European Community said Monday. "If the ban goes ahead, we can assure you

on our part," Alfred Kingon told reporters. The European Community says its ban responds to consumer health concerns, but Washington says its hormone-treated meat is not

harmful and says the ban is a non-tariff trade Mr. Kingon said Washington had been very disappointed that its call for a delay on the ban had been rebuffed.

But he welcomed the EC ministers' decision to narrow the scope of the \$150 million ban by excluding pet-food meat. He estimated that this would cut the total at stake in retaliation by up

"The community would like to contain the damage, and we would like to contain the damage," he said. age," he said.

He played down the scale of the dispute,

saying U.S. trade with the EC would amount to some \$166 billion next year, compared with about \$150 million worth of meat. The sum is "not trivial, but it should be kept in context," he

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The two sides are due to meet Tuesday in Geneva at the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to discuss an EC complaint that Washington's retaliation would break international trade rules.

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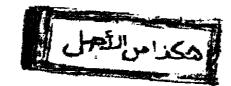
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### SALOMON: Innovator in Ski Equipment Is Seeking a Broader Range

(Continued from first finance page) a slow ski equipment market. The what they do," observed Mr. Li-Jacques Limage, an industry ana-world market peaked in 1979-80, mage, the analyst. "There is pride lyst in Paris. "I have no doubt they but a lack of snow and near-stagna-

Salomon's first foray into a non-ki-related business - golf Japan. equipment - has already proven successful: Taylor Made Golf Co... a golf club maker that it acquired in on the strength of the Salomon 1985 from the company's founder. brand name, an existing world net-Gary Adams, has been trans- work for marketing and distribuformed from a money-losing oper-ation into the U.S. market leader innovation to increase market for woods that now holds 10 per-share. cent of the world market. Consolidated net sales of golf equipment in the year ending March 31 increased 89 percent over the previous year, to 361 million francs.

The company now aims to develop a full range of golf products. Salomon has already made major expenditures to develop new golf products, and company offi-cials believe the time and money is well invested: The golf ball market alone is worth 3.7 million francs a year, which is slightly larger than the world markets for tennis rackets and alpine ski boots. According to company projections, the golf market will continue to grow, parucularly with the construction of new courses in Asia and Europe. In the latest fiscal year, golf ac-

counted for 14.2 percent of Salo-mon's 2.54 billion francs in consolidated net sales; the figure is projected to rise to 21.3 percent this year. The alpine ski sector, on the other hand, contributed 67.5 percent; cross-country ski equipment, 9.9 percent, and so-called clubline

products - hats, bags and ski accessories — 8.4 percent.
Anne-Marie Berrette, the company's general secretary, explained Salomon's hunger to diversify from its origin in ski bindings. "In the next 10 years," she said, "we expect companies with only one product

will meet some difficulties." Salomon itself is not bounding along like it used to do. While group net income rose 54 percent in 1983-84 and 67 percent the next 1983-84 and 67 percent the next lowed the company to turn to mak-year, net income actually fell 13.5 ing cable ski bindings in 1952, the percent in the latest fiscal year to 193 million francs. The company

The Salomon family remains the attributed the drop to heavy expenditures in research and development, increased staffing and the dollar's depreciation against the franc.

But profit forecasts for the curcast was for a 3.6 percent rise. Analysts said there was no cause for alarm in Salomon's recent, less

than spectacular results. "They will always avoid shortterm profit opportunities in favor of long-term growth and high qual-ity products," said Bertrand Coste, an analyst at UBS/Phillips & Drew

The emphasis on quality is one of the things Salomon is counting on to help increase market share in

tion has plagued the industry since level and at the factory level." then, despite a surge of demand in

Salomon officials say that as the industry consolidates, they will rely

company to leap into new ventures without extensive testing first.

. Yet ranovation is tempered with caution at Salomon. It is not a "They are very cautious people,"

> The story of their growth is the story of successful diversifications, one after another. I have no doubt they will do it

considers himself like a mountain-

at Salomon research and development sites, tinkering with test products and consulting with designers. According to employees, he also makes a point to visit all manufacturing sites in the region at least

Mr. Salomon's involvement rethe company that he started in an Annecy workshop in 1947 with his

It was Georges Salomon's development of automatic machinery to mass-produce ski edges that gave Salomon its first success and al-

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major multinational corporation have led to inevitable changes at Salomon. A team of executives leads the company that was once solely family-run, and specialists play an increasing role in its complex finances.

eign-exchange fluctuations on a corporation that made 89 percent of its sales outside France last year, Mr. Barthod, the general manager,

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Mr. Limage said. "The president er. peered over his reading glasses

Georges Salomon, 63, clearly sets the company's tone. Leaving most administrative duties to others, the chief executive now spends virtually all of his time

once a week.

flects the fact that, in some ways, parents, François and Jeanne Salo-mon, remains a family operation.

company's largest single shareholder, with about a 40 percent stake, and Mr. Salomon's son, Bernard, has been designated as his eventual was previously marketing manager

The family feeling appears to have rubbed off on Salomon employees. Photographs of the late François and Jeanne Salomon hang in various company offices, where a small-town friendliness pervades the work atmosphere. Employees' attire is casual and sporty, and managers encourage the staff to say

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plain that Salomon has "a strategy of hedging." A full-time foreign-exchange specialist follows the market for the company, changing its positions daily, if necessary.

"It's an insurance cost," she said.

"We don't take any risks in speculation." Fluctuations in foreign-exchange rates alone cut a potential 8 percent increase in net sales last year to 5 percent, according to company documents.

Salomon's success has been largely determined by the overlap between sport and technology. As a result, the search for new products has focused on sports that, like ski-ing and golf, involve equipment with a degree of sophistication.

Tennis probably will be the sport Salomon tackles next, Mr. Barthod said, indicating that the decision to

already been made.

Mr. Limage said it was typical Salomon strategy is to enter indus-tries that are highly fragmented. and make "a technological breakthrough." Development of the rear-

entry alpine boot was one such innovation. But even company employees questioned the decision in 1985 to

begin work on a ski design. When we went into the ski, many people at Salomon thought it would be difficult to do something really new," said Mr. Barthod. But. he said the ski to be unveiled at a major winter sports show in early 1990 would offer a higher-quality finish and better consistency than competitors' skis at a lower cost.

When it enters the ski market Salomon will face more competition than it has encountered in other sectors: There are currently about 85 ski manufacturers in the world. Nevertheless, Salomon's long-term ambition is to achieve annual ski sales of 1 billion francs and to draw close to its French rival, Ski Rossignol, which has a 25

percent market share. Competitive feelings between Salomon and Rossignol were heightened a couple of years ago when Salomon hired away "several of the best" Rossignol engineers to work on its new ski, Mr. Coste said. "They immediately fell into a lit-

tle war," the analyst said, adding that the bad feeling remains.

Asked about the incident, Mr. Barthod said: "People from Rossignol appreciate that in Salomon. people working in research and development are highly appreciated. That was not really the case with

Rossignol," Analysts concurred that Salomon is in a different class than its French competitor.

"Salomon is far better managed and has a far clearer strategic view of its own future than Ski Rossignol," said Mr. Limage. "There is no comparison possible."

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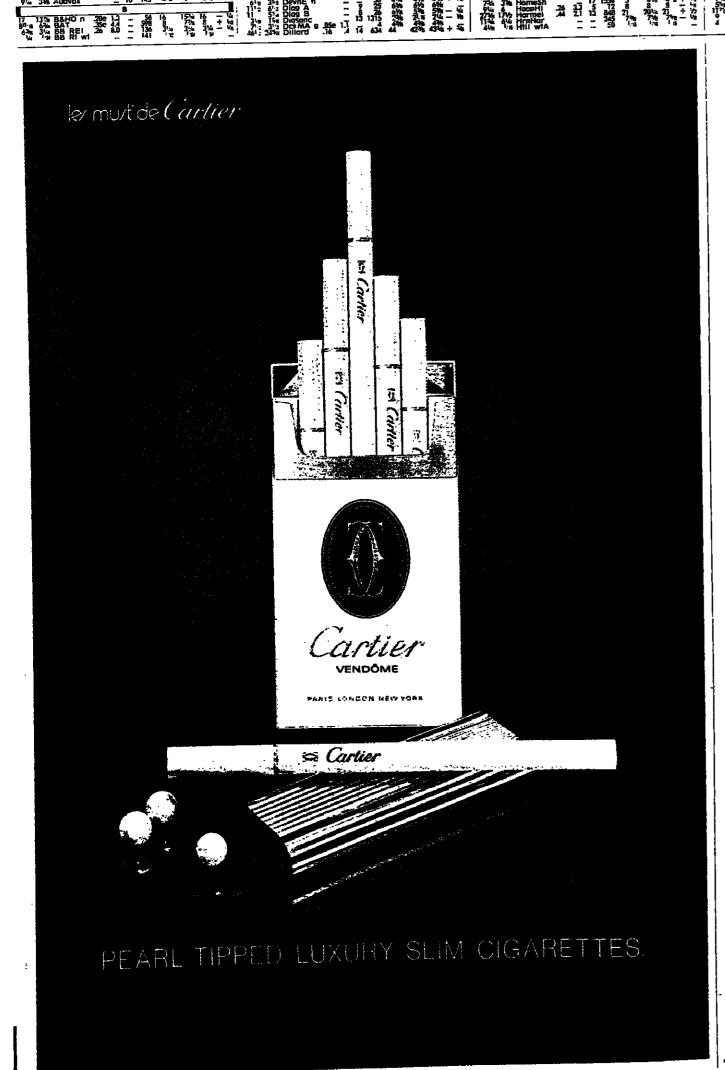
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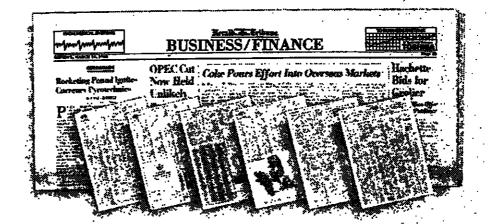
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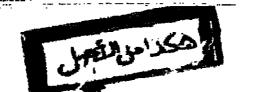
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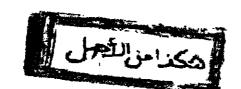
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CURRENCY MARKETS

Higher Interest Rates Aid Dollar

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NEW YORK — The dollar ended higher against most major currences. Monday, supported by higher interest rates after the Federal Reserve Board tightened credit last week.

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last week.
Corporate demand and speculative buying pushed the dollar up in the morning, but trading became very quiet in the afternoon. Many hanks had already closed their inbanks had already closed their interbank dealing operations for the holidays.
The U.S. currency rose to 1.7655

Deutsche marks, up from 1.7585 DM, and to 124.225 yen from 124.15 yen. It also climbed to 1.4905 Swiss francs from 1.4818 francs, and to 6.0325 French francs from 6.0235 francs.

But the British pound rose to \$1.8210 from 1.8185 on Friday. The pound was bolstered by firm interest rates.

"It was the slowest day of the year," said Robert Ryan, a foreign exchange manager for Irving Trust Co. "And this was Monday. The rest of the week will be deadly. The bank-to-bank market has completely dried up."

Mr. Ryan said the dollar's marginal firming in a thin, trendless market was the result of positionsquaring as the year drew to a close, rather than any fundamental shift in the currency's outlook.

In the absence of any market-

affecting news, Mr. Ryan said there was a possibility that the dollar could reach 1.78 DM by the end of

He said some traders were still looking for the Federal Reserve to raise the discount rate from its current 6.5 percent, but with each passing day the chances of a rate hike before 1989 were declining steadily.

Dealers noted that there was little reaction to Fed governor Wayne Angell's remarks about the rate of inflation prompting the Fed's policy restraint since they tended to confirm what most participants already assumed.

In London trading earlier, the dollar ended mixed, gaining on late support from position-squaring before the end of the year. Operators were wary about car-

rying major positions over the com-

ing holiday season, and moves were

exaggerated by thin conditions.

The U.S. currency fell to 1.7615 DM from 1.7650 DM Friday, and to 124.05 yen from 124.35 yen.

The pound was unchanged at

Bearing in mind the "bear trap" that was set by central banks last new year, when sharp declines in the dollar were countered unexpectedly by vigorous intervention in very sparse post-holiday markets, most operators showed a desire to approach this year's holiday with square positions.

The dollar also eased to 1.4860 Swiss francs from 1,4885 francs, but rose to 6.0225 French francs from 6.0200 francs. (UPI, Reuters)

■ Platinum Price Lower

The price of platinum rebounded and then tumbled on Monday as traders worned about last week's news that Ford Motor Co. had developed a platinum-free anti-pollution device for vehicles, Reuters reported from Zurich.

The main fall followed the start of New York trading and brought the metal down to a closing \$520 an ounce in Zurich compared with an opening of \$533 and last Friday's close of \$521.

In New York, the metal for January delivery was off \$28.50 in early

### Governor Says Fed Not Pushed By Europeans

WASHINGTON - Wayne Angell, a governor of the U.S. Federal Reserve System, said Monday that the central bank had not been pressured to push interest rates higher by such moves in other countries.

"That hasn't put us under any pressure at all," Mr. Angell said in a television interview. He had been asked about interest rate increases last week in West Germany and other European countries Financial markets have speculated the Fed will soon

raise its discount rate, charged on loans to banking institutions, from the 6.5 percent level in effect since August. Mr. Angell also said, "The 4.5 percent rate of inflation we've been experiencing has been unsatisfactory. I think

that we are less likely to have a

incipient upwards price movement to a halt." He refused to say if the Fed's policy-making Open Market Committee acted to restrict

credit at a meeting last week.

### U.S. Thrifts Fail to Tap Full Japanese Interest

TOKYO — Troubled U.S. savings and loan associations could be losing an opportunity to unload the hundreds of millions of dollars of nonperforming real estate investments that have been crippling their balance sheets, according to analysts.

Japanese investors are showing increasing interest in the thrifts' extensive commercial real estate holdings for the first time since Congress allowed the associations to branch into commercial real estate in 1982.

But the same lack of sophistication that got the thrifts into trouble could keep them from attracting more than a trickle of Japanese investment, analysts say, because deals are not being structured in a way that is attractive to

There is no question the demand is out there," said Jack Barthell, partner at Kenneth Leventhal & Co., a Los Angeles accounting firm that works with Japanese real estate investors. "But the entire thrifts industry has been very slow to pick up on it."

We are aware of some interest from Japanese investors, but it is now limited to experienced investors," said Peter Ryder, vice president at Salomon Brothers Asia Ltd. Several investment bankers in Tokyo said

that they had a number of deals in the works and that they had recently completed some agreements, but they declined to give details.

There are 3,000 thrifts in the United States, and nearly 1,000 are losing money, according to

A lack of sophistication could keep the thrifts from attracting more than a trickle of Japanese investment.

analysts. Estimates of thrifts' losses for the first 11 months of 1988 range up to \$7 billion.

Some of the thrifts' holdings are potentially lucrative, said Mike Medzigian, manager of Deloitte Haskins & Sells's real estate consulting

group in San Francisco.

Thrifts became heavily involved in making syndicated loans to build hotels in the early 1980s. When a tax advantage for unprofitable hotels was wiped out by the Tax Reform Act of 1986, many loans went bad, leaving thrifts with

assets that few knew how to manage.

Japanese investors buying thrifts' property have so far been limited to real estate firms with considerable experience in the United States. They represent only a small fraction of the Japanese money that could find its way to the

Major buying from Japan will not start until thrifts attract institutional investors that buy properties for their portfolios, many real estate experts say. These investors demand predictable and safe cash flows.

Thrifts have so far done little to forge deals including either feature.

Real estate analysts say thrifts could spark Japanese interest by assembling properties in deals such as pooled mortgages that would contain 10 to 50 investments. Such arrangements would mitigate the impact of an unexpected nonperforming asset and could help to

ensure regular cash flows. Thrifts have not put together such deals partly because they still do not understand the dangers of commercial real estate, analysts say. "Many well-designed and well-located prop-

erties are having problems because of the local economies and because their owners were lacking in experience," Mr. Ryder said. In addition, many thrifts do not understand the needs of Japanese investors, said Michael

Wilson, vice president and director of research at the U.S. League of Savings Institutions, an association of thrifts.

"A lot of thrifts have never dealt with institu tional investors in the U.S. and they have had little contact with Japan in any form," he said. Mr. Wilson said the Federal Home Loan

Bank Board was aware of potential Japanese interest and might consider a real estate investment trust in which the government would guarantee income flows. "But these things take time." he said.

Thrifts could easily make properties more attractive by offering better terms, Mr. Medzi-

### Prime Rate Expected to Go Up, With or Without Fed Move

By Kenneth N. Gilpin

New York Times Service NEW YORK — A further in-Sarcelona's massage per crease in U.S. banks prime crease in U.S. banks prime rate, currently at 10.5 percent, is rate, currently at 10.5 percent, is likely before the end of the year, likely before the analysts say, even if rate, currently at 10.5 percent, is prime rate first. the Federal Reserve Board continues to put off a long-anticipated uses to put off a long-anticipated increase in its discount rate.

The Fed and the commercial

The real and the major banks are likely to be the major banks are likely to be the next two points of interest over the next two points of interest over the next two weeks, which for market participated weeks, which for market participated to the counsel of pants are historically the slowest of

The Fed last week sent a direct colling markets that signal to the financial markets that signal to the implement conditions it had tightened credit conditions by nudging up the federal funds trate, charged on overnight loans, by a quarter-point. Market particicrease in the discount rate, the rate the central bank charges on loans

many believe that the Fed's move may be later rather than sooner and that banks may have to raise the

"Commercial banks would certainly like the Fed to move first," said David A. Wyss, the chief financial economist at Data Resources Inc., an economic forecasting firm based in Lexington, Massachusetts, "But if rates on certificates of deposit stay where they are now, I would expect at least a quarter of a point rise in the prime during the week after Christmas.

"Banks like to get rate increases in before the first of the month because many of their loans are repriced at that time."

At the end of last week, rates on three-month certificates of deposit stood at 9.35 percent, six-tenths of a point above the low end of the prices surged abruptly last month. the central bank charges on loans new 8%-to-8% percent trading. A third factor that could force range for the federal funds rate, the Fed to raise the rate, a sharp

difference between certificates of deposit and the funds rate is a full percentage point or more.

The Fed could decide to increase the discount rate, currently at 6.5 percent, at any moment. But Mr. Wyss and other analysts said that as long as the dollar remained fairly stable and no additional signs of sharply higher economic growth or much higher inflation appeared, the central bank was under no compunction to raise the rate.

In that regard, the analysts said that data on consumer prices, to be released Tuesday, were likely to be the largest potential problem for the Fed and the credit markets.

But most of the analysts do not expect the report to show that

which banks use as a measure of increase in borrowings by member their cost of funds. Generally, the banks at the discount window, almost certainly will not occur, even though the difference between the discount rate and the federal funds rate is so wide that many institutions might avail themselves of

much cheaper money.
"Except for one week at the end of November when borrowings were quite large, average borrowings outstanding have been running pretty consistently at \$400 million to \$500 million a day," Mr. Wyss said.

the discount rate is, that is a very oping countries. low level of borrowings."

Harold C. Nathan, the senior financial economist at Wells Fargo officials and many commercial Bank, agreed that the discount rate bankers, call for debt reduction "is the cheapest thing going, especially at this time of the year, when

### DEBT: Bush Will Undertake Review of U.S. Policy

20. His comments Monday, which sources. followed a World Bank report Sunday that was critical of industrialized countries' debt strategy,

marked the clearest admission to date by the United States that the Baker Plan has been overtaken by events and that a new phase in the strategy is needed.

The Japanese and French gov-ernments have already called for such a reassessment and both have promised to put forward new suggestions aimed at reducing the debt burden, although neither has yet spelled our details. In addition, President Mikhail S. Gorbachev of the Soviet Union, speaking at the United Nations earlier this month, "Considering how wide the made a number of proposals aimed spread between the funds rate and at easing the debt burden of devel-

> Most proposals, put forward by debtor countries as well as Western rather than forgiveness. The latter means wiping out the debt, creating losses for the creditors, and there

new lending, at least from private existing debt at a discount and to accept a lower rate of interest.

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worth of new debt. worth of new debt. the debtors, possibly open the way Banks might find that 50 percent for banks to resume loans. reduction is a worthwhile price to

One solution, actively being sought by the new president of Mexico, Carlos Salinas de Gortari, is to have creditor governments provide guarantees for debtor countries that could be used to cut the cost of existing debt. Mexico's aim is to reduce its annual \$9 billion interest payments — it cur-rently is not making any principal repayments - by at least one-

The guarantee it is seeking could be extended collectively, via the World Bank or the International Monetary Fund. The guarantee on the repayment of principal as well as on interest, would be used to back the sale of new debt to banks in exchange for the existing debt. Because of the guarantee, the

is no doubt about interest and principal payments. Mexico has already used a variation of this formula. Early this year, it purchased \$3.7 billion of existing debt with an average life of 16 years in exchange for \$2.6 billion of new

pay to receive a debt on which there

20-year debt. But the swap, which extinguished \$1.1 billion of old debt, failed to attract the volume of business Mexico had hoped for because only the principal of the new debt was effectively guaranteed. Mexico had used part of its reserves to purchase at a deep dis-

count from face value zero-coupon U.S. Treasury bonds. At the redemption date of the new Mexican debt, the U.S. bonds, held in esnew debt would be worth more to crow by the U.S. government and lenders than the old debt and banks then worth their face value, are to would be expected to exchange the be used to repay the lenders.

### Report Muddles Outlook on U.K. Growth

LONDON - Data published Monday that measured third-quarter economic growth in Britain included such serious distortions that economists said it was impossible to tell from the statistics how fast the country's econo-

my is growing.
The Central Statistical Office said that wide discrepancies in the three measures it normally uses to calculate average third-quarter gross domestic product prompted it to compile average GDP growth using only one measure -

production.
The CSO said third-quarter GDP rose a provisional 1.2 percent over the second quar-

But because third-quarter data were calculated differently, comparisons are invalid,



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### Smith Barney Cuts Jobs

LONDON — Smith Barney Harris Upham & Co., the Wall Street investment bank, said Monday that it would close its fixed income sales and trading operations in London and do away with about 50 jobs.

The measure will halve Smith Barney's London staff of 100, said the managing director, Stefanos Vavalidis.

Smith Barney is ceasing activity in Euro-bonds and U.S., West German and Dutch gov-

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### **BOOKS**

STALIN AND THE KIROV AFFAIR

By Robert Conquest. 164 pages. \$16.95. Oxford University Press, 200 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10016.

Reviewed by Adam B. Ulam

ON Dec. 1, 1934, Sergei Kirov, a member of the Politburo and one of the highest officials of the Soviet regime, was murdered by one Leonid Vasilevich Nikolayev in the headquarters of the Leningrad Communist Party. As Robert Conquest notes, no other assassination in modern history, save the one that had triggered World War I, has been followed by such dire consequences. Over the next four years a plethora of people in Soviet Russia, including Lenin's erstwhile closest associates, such as Trotsky and Bukharin, were accused of having been privy to the plot that had led to Kirov's death, found guilty with or without trial and executed — Trotsky being assassinated abroad. The Kirov affair marked the opening of the great wave of terror that swept the Soviet Union during the next five years, claiming millions of victims.

The official (that is, until 1956) version of the assassination held it to be part of a conspiracy by Stalin's enemies to seize power. But in his speech at the 20th Party Congress in 1956 Khrushchev hinted at a different plot: It was not Stalin's enemies, but his own secret police, that might have been behind the murder. In 1961 the Politburo appointed a commission to investigate the

Then in 1964 Khrushchev's colleagues engineered his downfall, the first secretary's garrulity about Stalin's misdeeds being one of the reasons for their action. And so the ion was never allowed to report its findings.

With the onset of glasnost, Stalin-bashing, so to speak has become permissible in Gorbachev's U.S.S.R. Charges of the dictator ordering his secret police to dispatch his "comrade in arms" recently have been aired by some Soviet historians and were repeated in a play for

the Moscow stage. Still, there is no official verdict. We now have a new commission charged with investigating the crimes of the Stalin era. Will it be more forthcoming than the one

appointed by Khrushchev in 1961?

Trotsky, Zinoviev, Bukharin and numerous others sent by Stalin's courts to their doom were innocent of abetting the murder, and the despot knew it. Yet the question remains: Did he authorize the killing, and if so, why? Even among diehard Communists, few today could be so naive as to hold Stalin incapable of sanctioning the murder if it saited his purposes. But therein lies the crux of the problem: Would it have been in Stalin's interest to establish the precedent of a successful assassination attempt on a high Soviet potentate? If he had been envious of Kirov's popularity, couldn't he by 1934 have destroyed him politically, as he previously had such popular leaders as Trotsky and Bukharin?

These are but some of the questions with which Conquest deals in his intriguing recapitulation of the assassination, its background and ramifications. His book presents a succinct but comprehensive picture of the murky train of events that culminated in the shots in the Smolny Institute in Leningrad on the afternoon of Dec. 1, 1934. Equally impressive is his assiduity in assembling all the available facts about not only the main, but also many secondary actors in the drama. Some might still dispute Conquest's main conclusion which, as the file clearly suggests, makes Stalin directly responsible for arranging Kirov's murder. But even criticis must acknowledge the author's correct condition of the contract of th ics must acknowledge the author's great erudition about Stalin's Russia, and his skill in telling the sinister tale.

Adam B. Ulam is the director of the Russian Research Center at Harvard. He wrote this for The Washington

### **CHESS**

By Robert Byrne

MIKHAII. Chirogin's Defense to the Ruy Lopez has again ac-quired a small following, but a look at the game between Grandmasters at the game between Grandmasters Nick de Firmian of Oakland, Cali-fornia, and Joel Benjamin of Brook-lyn, New York, from the fifth round of the 1988 United States Championship, which ended on Oct. 17, should be enough to discourage further experiement with this strategy.

The Crigorin key move, 9...Nd7, clears a square so that 10 d4 can be answered by 10...Bf6, which gives the e5 pawn heavy support and also prevents White's normal developing move 11 Nbd2. However, after 11 a4 Bd7 12 Na3, the attack on the b5 pawn is unpleasant bacause 12...b4 13 Nc4 bc 14 bc Re8 15 d5 Ne7 16 Na5 Bc8 17 Be3 yields White solid superiority, as in an Unzicker-Blau

game in Freiburg 1951.

The effect of 12\_Qb8 was temporary; after 13 Bg5!, White really did threaten 14 ab ab 15 Nb5. And 13...Bg5 14 Ng5 h6 allows 15 Nf7!? Rf7 16 ab ab 17 Qh5 Qe8 18 Nb5, with a rook and two pawns plus the initiative for two minor pieces.

Benjamin chose to give up his point in the center with but this conceded to de Fir-

mian a strong mobile center after 14 Bf6 Nf6 15 cd.

Benjamin could not get counter-play by 18\_Bc6 19 Ra3 Qb2? be-cause 20 Rb3 Qa2 21 Rc3 Bb5 22 e5! yields White a crushing attack. Thus, 22\_Nd5 23 Bh?! Kh? 24 Ng5 Kg6 25 Rg3 15 26 ed cd 27 Ne6 Kf6 28 Qh5 Qd2 21 Rg6 Ke7 22 Rg7 Kf6 23

Benjamin tried 18\_Re8, but the force of de Firmian's 19 e5! was not diminished. After 19...Bf3 20 Qf3, it was impossible to capture with 20...Qb2? because 21 Qd3! Qb5 22 Qb5 ab 23 Ra8 Ra8 24 ef wins a

Benjamin chose 20...de 21 de Qb2, but de Firmian was well prepared with 22 Re2! simultaneously creating threats of 23 Bh7 or 23 ef. Benjamin saved his queen with 22...Qb5, but after 23 Ral!, he was faced with the piece-winning threat of 24 Bd3 and the exchange-winning threat of 24

On 23...Nd7 24 Ba4, it was useless to attempt 24...Ne5? because of 25 Qa8! Qa4 26 Ra4 Ra8 27 Re5. On 24...Qa5 de Firmian struck the

lethal blow, 25 e6!, when 25...Ne5 26 ef Nf7 27 Re8 Re8 28 Qf7! Kf7 29 Be8 Ke8 30 Ra4 would end resistance. Thus, Benjamin tried 25...fc,



Position after 24 . . . Qa5 but after 26 Reel!. Black had to lose

The move 26...c6 27 Bc6 Qd8 28 Bas Qas 29 Qas Ras 30 Res would have been quite lost for Black, but 26...Qd5 was no better. After 31 Ra6,

Benjamin gave up.

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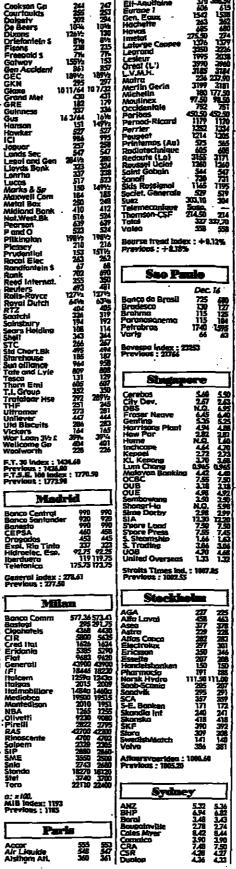
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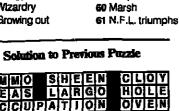
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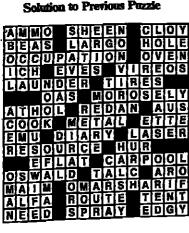
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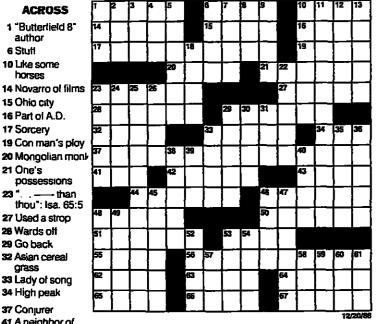
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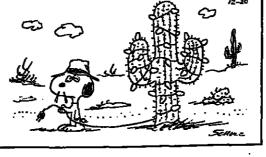
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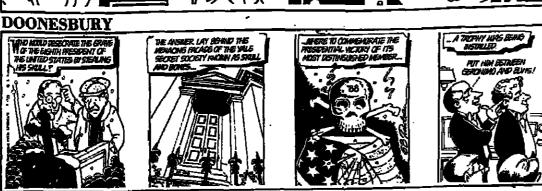




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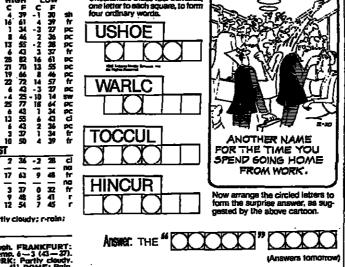
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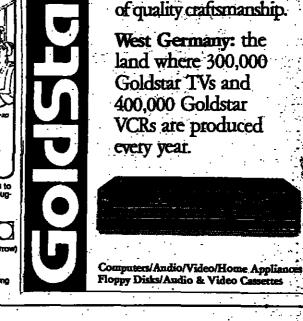
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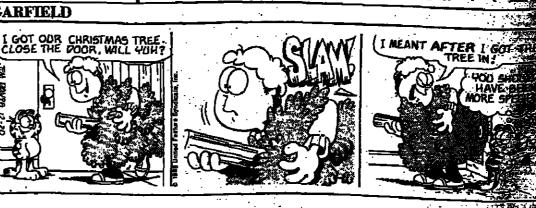


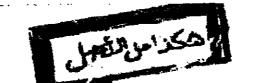












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### SIDELINES

### NCAA Confirms Oklahoma Sanctions

NORMAN, Oklahoma (AP) — Oklahoma's football program was 10 Teams Set placed on three years' probation Monday for numerous recruiting violations, a penalty that might have been less if some people involved in the yiolations were not still at the school, the National Collegiate Athletic Association said

The sanctions bar the Sooners from bowl appearances for the next two years and will keep them off television next season. Recruiting also will be NFL Playoffs

David Berst, director of enforcement for the NCAA, said the case involves some serious violations." In its letter detailing the sanctions, the NCAA asked Oklahoma to show cause why it should not be penalized further if it fails to discipline two assistant football coaches and the former recruiting coordinator, and fails to disassociate itself from a booster. The assistants and the booster were not identified.

### Davis Cup Winners Welcomed Home

FRANKFURT (Combined Dispatches) — The West German tennis team brought home the Davis Cup from Sweden to a triumphant welcome on Monday. Their chartered plane landed in Bonn, so that the team could head straight to a reception with the West German president, Richard von Weizsäcker, in his official residence.

"This villa has never seen a more significant trophy," Weizsäcker told the team as they posed for photographs.

In Sweden, which lost to the Germans Sunday in a surprise, the press

was critical of the fact that the Swedish Davis Cup team could muster no player to light Boris Becker's substitute, Parick Kuehnen, in a match Sunday. Mats Wilander has shin splints, Kent Carlsson had a strained groin and Anders Jarryd has shoulder pain. When this was announced, the crowd at Goteborg, Sweden, reacted with loud boos.

"Embarrassing end to sick story" said a headline in Monday's Gote-borgs-Posten. "Losers also have a responsibility" said Stockholm's "Losers also have a responsibility" said Stockholm's adet. (AP, Reuters) Mitsubishi Ads by Griffith-Joyner

TOKYO (AP) - Florence Griffith-Joyner, the American track and field athlete who won three gold medals and one silver in the Seoul Olympics, will appear in television and newspaper advertisements for Mitsubishi Electric Co. of Japan, the company announced Monday. The official declined to disclose the one-year contract fee.

### For the Record

The coach of the San Diego Chargers, Al Saunders, who provoked the ire of top management of the NFL team with critical comments about the players he was given to work with, was fired Monday, the team announced. No replacement was named.

John Brophy was fired as coach of the Toronto Maple Leafs on Monday and the former assistant general manager, George Armstrong, was named interim coach, team owner Harold Ballard announced. (AP)

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FOOTBALL

NFL Standings

BASKETBALL

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# Seattle Outguns Raiders, 43-37, to Win AFC West

# For Bruising

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches It is now settled. These teams have made the National Football League playoffs: Philadelphia, Se-attle, Cleveland, the Los Angeles Rams, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Hous-ton, Chicago, Minnesota and San

Left out in the cold after Sunday's games: the New York Giants, New England, New Orleans and Indianapolis.

And so the trek to Super Bowl XXIII begins this Saturday in Cleveland. The Browns' 28-23 victory over the Houston Oilers resulted in both teams finishing with 10-6 records and earning American Conference wild-card berths. They will meet again Saturday. The game will be in Cleveland because the Browns had a better divisional record. The teams split their season series, with Houston winning by 24-17 in Houston on Nov. 7.

The National Conference playoffs will begin on Monday with a wild-card game featuring the Minnesota Vikings against the Los An-

The Houston-Cleveland winner will play the Bills at Buffalo on either Dec. 31 or Jan. 1.

The Seattle Seahawks, who won the AFC West by defeating the Los Angeles Raiders on Sunday by 43-37, will face the Bengals in Cincinnati on either Dec. 31 or Jan. 1.

"There are a lot of guys on this team, including me, who have never won a major championship of any kind," said David Krieg, the Seahawks' quarterback, who passed for four touchdowns, "It feels real good. The longer you wait, the better it is."

Cincinnati's 20-17 overtime vic-



OUTNUMBERED - Phil Simms, the Giants quarterback, looked dejected after New York Jets Scott Mersereau, left, Marty Lyons and Kevin McArthur, right, performed the "sack dance" Sunday.

tory over the Washington Redskins New York Giants lost to the New last Saturday earned the Bengals the AFC Central title and homefield advantage in the playoffs. They will not play the Houstonveland winner in the conference semifinal because all three teams are from the same division. National Conference teams that

clinched division titles Sunday were the Philadelphia Eagles and the San Francisco 49ers. Philadelphia beat the Dallas Cowboys by If the Rams beat Minnesota in The S 23-7 and won the NFC East as the the wild-card game, they will face Miami.

York Jets by 27-21. The Eagles and the Giants both finished with 10-6 records, but the Eagles won both their games against the Giants.

The Rams will be at the Metrodome in Minneapolis for their playoff opener unless the Vikings lost to the Chicago Bears Monday night. In that case, the Rams will be host to the Vikings.

the Bears, who have the home-field advantage in the playoffs, and the Eagles will play the 49ers on Dec. 31 or Jan. 1. If Minnesota wins the wild-card game, it will play the 49ers, and the Eagles will play the

The conference championships will be played Jan. 8 at the home fields of the surviving teams with the best records.

The Super Bowl will be Jan. 22 in

### Rams Defeat San Francisco But 49ers Win the NFC West

The Assurated Press

LOS ANGELES - The Seattle Seahawks won their first-ever National Football League division title Sunday, beating the Los Angeles Raiders 43-37 as Dave Krieg passed for 410 yards and four touchdowns and Norm Johnson kicked five field goals.

The Raiders had a chance to win the game and the AFC West in the

### NFL ROUNDUP

final minute. Los Angeles got the ball at its own 33-yard line with

1:08 remaining and no timeouts. Jay Schroeder threw a 22-yard pass to Mervyn Fernandez, putting the ball at the Seattle 45-yard line, but then Schroeder threw four straight incompletions. The last one was into a crowd in the end zone and was batted away. Krieg, who completed 19 of 32

passes with one interception, threw 75-yard touchdown pass to John L. Williams midway through the third quarter, giving the Scahawks a 37-20 lead. But Schroeder's third touchdown pass of the game made it 40-34 with nearly 13 minutes left.

Johnson's fifth field goal without a miss, a 32-yarder with 5:18 remaining, gave Seattle a nine-point lead. Chris Bahr kicked a 24-yard field goal with 2:21 to go and Seattle got the ball back, but the Sea-hawks stalled, setting up the Raid-

ers' last-gasp drive. Krieg threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to Steve Largent and 17 and 30-yard scoring passes to rook-ie Brian Blades, who had four re-ceptions for 123 yards. Krieg had thrown five touchdown passes during a 35-27 victory over the Raiders at the Kingdome on Nov. 28.

Johnson also kicked field goals of 39, 24 and 40 yards in the second be Jan. 22 in quarter and a 35-yarder with 14:46 (NYT, AP) left in the game. The Seahawks

went ahead for good on Johnson's second field goal, which made it 20-17 with 1:52 left in the first half.

Schroeder completed 22 of 49 passes for 354 yards with one interception. He threw a 51-yard touchdown pass to Willie Gault in the second quarter, a four-yarder to Steve Smith late in the third quarter and a 54-yarder to Fernandez with 12:54 left in the game.

Bahr kicked field goals of 26 and 28 yards earlier for the Raiders. Tim Brown got the first Los Angeles touchdown when he recovered his own fumble in the end zone.

Williams had seven receptions for 180 yards and led the Seahawks in rushing with 59 yards on 14 carries. Bo Jackson led the Raiders with 67 yards on 14 carries. Rams 38, 49ers 16: In San Fran-

cisco. Jim Everett threw four touchdown passes, but the Los Angeles offense shared the spotlight by sacking 49ers quarterback Joe Montana eight times. The 49ers, whose four-game win-

ning streak ended emphatically, lost nothing but the game. San Francisco had clinched the NFC West title earlier in the day when New Orleans beat Atlanta 10-9.

The 49ers, Saints and Rams each finished 10-6, with the 49ers getting their third NFC West title in a row and fifth in six years based on a 3-1 record against the two foes.

Damone Johnson caught three of Everett's scoring passes as the Rams avenged that 48-0 whipping in Candlestick Park in the regularseason finale a year ago. Everett completed 19 of 38 passes for 201 yards and set a club record with a league-leading 31 touchdown passes for the season.

The Rams led 21-13 at halftime and controlled the ball - and the game --- in the second half by scoring touchdowns on marches of 66 and 65 yards and a 49-yard field goal by Mike Lansford.

Chargers 24, Chiefs 13: In San Diego, Gary Anderson gained a club-record 217 yards on 34 carries, and Jamie Holland returned a kickoff 94 vards as two troubled teams finished dismal seasons. Anderson broke the club record

for single-game yardage set by Keith Lincoln, who had 206 against the Patriots in the 1963 AFL championship game. The Chargers fin-ished 6-10. Kansas City, which lost a season-ending game for the first time in nine years, finished 4-11-1.

Packers 26, Cardinals 17: In Tempe, Arizona, Don Maikowski threw for 255 yards and two touchdowns and Green Bay, 4-12, avoided its worst record in 30 years. Phoenix, 7-9, lost its fifth straight. Majkowski put the Packers

ahead 20-17 on a 10-yard touch-4:47 left in the first half. Majkowski threw a 2-yard touchdown pass to Clint Didier with 5:55 left in the third quarter.

### **■** Cowboys First in Draft The Dallas Cowboys have won

the right to the NFL's No. 1 draft pick next spring and they are almost certain to select Troy Aik-man, the UCLA quarterback, United Press International reported from Irving, Texas. Dallas' 23-7 loss to Philadelphia

on Sunday left the Cowboys with a 3-13 record — worst in the league. "I never thought the day would come when I would be holding a press conference about us being the poorest team in the league," said the Cowboys' president and general manager, Tex Schramm.

"It is not something we are proud of. I want it understood that we are not proud of our drafting position. But as long as we are there, we had better make the best

The Green Bay Packers would have had the same record as the Cowboys, and the top draft pick, if they had lost Sunday to Phoenix. But Green Bay beat the Cardinals on the road, 26-17. "I think the Green Bay effort

today indicates the integrity we have in the NFL," Schramm said. "If you had given me the choice today between winning and having the No. 2 draft choice, I would have rather we had won.

"But once we lost and we had no control of the situation, I was pulling for Green Bay."

NFL scouts have been almost unanimous that Aikman, who finished third in this year's Heisman Trophy balloting, would be the top pick in the draft.

"I don't like to make any com-mitment," Schramm said. "But the general feeling in the NFL is that Troy Aikman is the best prospect that has come out of college since John Elway." Elway is the Denver Broncos quarterback. The Cowboys' need for a quar-

terback has been evident through-

out its dismal campaign and was emphasized Sunday with the performance of Steve Pelluer. He completed 10 of 26 passes for 119 yards Sunday against the Eagles and his three interceptions in the first half robbed the Cowboys of their early momentum. had not met the mandatory re-Here is how the first 14 teams quirement of holding citizenship in

> draft April 23-24: 1, Dallas; 2. Green Bay; 3. Detroit; 4. Kansas City; 5. Atlanta; 6. Tampa Bay; 7. Pittsburgh; 8. San Diego; 9. Mi-ami; 10. Phoenix; 11. Chicago (from Los Angeles Raiders); 12. Chicago (from Washington); 13. Denver, 14. New York Jets.

will pick when the NFL holds its

# The Evolution of Basketball's Titan

By Tony Kornheiser Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Nobody ever played basketball so well for so long as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. As a young man he was so feared that before he ever played a college game, the NCAA changed its rules to eliminate the dunk shot, and still his team won the national championship every year he played.

In the NBA, though he was neither the offensive force Wilt Chamberlain was, nor the defensive force Bill Russell was, Kareem was an elegant distillation of the two. He played with effortless grace. Unique among 7-footers. Kareem was able to dominate without appearing aggressive. Take, for example, his trademark shot: While its silkiness belied its deadly sting, there has never been a more dependable offensive

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To protect a scratched eye, he donned goggles. His game is different. The Sky Hook's still unstoppable, but the pace of the game rarely slows enough to permit him to take it comfortably; he's shooting an anemic 40.5 percent and averaging 8.5 points per game — 17 below his career norm. He hasn't been a prodigious re-bounder since 1981, and in recent years it

appeared evident that the Lakers were catering to Kareem out of respect for what he was, not because they require what he is. The Lakers have been Magic Johnson's team for quite some time.

Kareem's personality has changed, too. For so much of his career the brief eye

### VANTAGE POINT

contact he granted the public was remote and disdainful. He seems gentler, more approachable. He's been genuinely moved by the outpouring of affection for him as he stops in city after city collecting tributes in this, his final season in the National Basketball Association.

"I'm really pleased that people are taking the time and showing this effort," he said at a recent news conference in Washington. "It's really gratifying. I've had to be the villain everywhere I've played because of the success of the Lakers. This is nice." But Kareem knew he wasn't the villain merely because of the Lakers' success, and after an obligatory gore of the press, Kar-eem conceded that he shared the responsi-

over the years: "I think it had to do with the fact that people didn't understand what I was about, and I wasn't all that eager to open myself to the public." All these changes have made a difference in the way we view Kareem. These, plus the terrible massacre of the Hanafi Muslims in the house Kareem owned in Washington years ago, plus the devastating fire in Kar-eem's Bel Air home, plus the stripping of his financial assets by his former agent's

bility for the frosty way he was received

business mismanagement - these all contribute to a process of loss that has shown us that Kareem is a vulnerable man. Indeed, vulnerability is the only way a great center can be liked — let alone loved. They all start off being hated because ev-

eryone considers them invincible. It was

Chamberlain who first said, "Nobody loves Goliath." Look at the great centers of our time. Chamberlain, a loquacious, entertaining man, was reviled. Beating him became a mission for players and fans. Chamberlain's diffident rival Russell.

was hailed, but mostly for blunting the indomitable Wilt The Stilt; when Russell led the dynastic Celtics into NBA arenas where Chamberlain wasn't a factor, he was uniformly booed. Bill Walton, a counterculturist, was hated until his feet made him a sympathetic figure. In college, Patrick Ewing was booed in every road game Georgetown played.

Kareem would have been booed everywhere anyway because of his awesome stature and because there was no natural rival to humanize him, but his conversion to an easier target in the politically charged early 1970s. ("I was just taking advantage of my constitutional right to freedom of religion, nothing more than that. I'm certainly patriotic," Kareem explained the other day, obviously still disturbed by the interpretation of something he did almost 20 years ago.) Racism may well play a part in this, but "sizeism" is crucial. Not even the most rabid Boston fans boo Magic Johnson. Everybody loved Julius Erving. Everybody loves Michael Jordan.

Only recently, after changes upon changes, has the public embraced Kareem, and even then at some arm's length, without the unbridled affection they held out to Dr. J. Guards and forwards, you see, are just like us, only taller. But centers, they're threatening; they don't excite us as much as they intimidate us, so we don't give them our hearts. The only way they can gain our favor is by eating Kryptonite. Having established himself as the most

enduring and durable athlete in his sport's history, having come to grips with his age and size and having finally, if with great



Abdul-Jabbar's natented "sky hook."

trepidation, lowered the blinds long enough to let the sun shine in, it is with equal measures of relief and gratitude that Kareem said, "I think people can understand me and what I'm about. They can see I'm more or less a regular person.'

lifter Naim Suleymanoghu of Turkey at a New York reception.

# For Turkey and the Sport of Lifting

New York Times Service

NEW YORK — There was a reception in his honor at a Manhattan pub last week, red and white balloons hanging from the ceiling,

in Bulgaria but part of an oppressed Turkish minority.
For a year and a half, Naim Suleymanoglu (pronounced nah-FEM soo-lee-mahn-OH-loo) had plotted to defect, afraid to tell even is parents or friends.

men's room, he casually walked out of a restaurant, stepped into the car of an acquaintance and was whisked away. After four days in hiding, he went to the Turkish consulate and was granted asylum.

country's first gold medal in 20 years in Seoul. Competing in the featherweight division, he broke three world records, including a lift of 419 pounds (190 kilograms) in the clean-and-jerk, more than three times his weight. At 4 feet 11 inches (1.50 meters)

leymanoglu is known as the Pocket Hercules, the biggest little man in

recent weeks, visiting West Germany, France and the United States as a good-will ambassador for his country and his sport. Dressed in a suit and tie that cannot disguise his weight lifter's physique, with his sandy-brown hair neatly trimmed, Suleymanoglu is making the rounds knowing that his cloak-anddagger days are over.

There is no longer any reason to

In Washington, he met Nancy Reagan and attended the premiere of the movie "Twins," where he posed with the co-stars, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny De-Vito, able to look DeVito squarely in the eve. He met Mayor Edward I. Koch at City Hall in New York. At the

Bulgaria He has made strong statements against the use of steroids, which is considered rampant in the sport of

United Nations, he spoke to corre-

spondents about human-rights in

weight lifting. "Steroids are used in other sports, too," he said. "I am comfortable that if Ben Johnson is caught, it doesn't mean all track athletes use steroids."

"Steroids are a shortcut, but you don't need them. I never did."

Suleymanoglu recalled his grand entrance when he first arrived in Istanbul after defecting. He was taken by helicopter to the main minister's press secretary, himself a stocky man who could be mistaken for a weight lifter.

Thousands of people were waiting to greet the Pocket Hercules, but the first person to step out of the helicopter was the press secretary. The people began to cheer and shout, "Naim! Naim!" some even lifting the press secretary in the air in a case of mistaken identity.

Suleymanoght could only watch sheepishly.

and two brothers remained in Bulgaria. Their only chance of freeom, he figured, rested on his performance in Seoul. If he won a gold medal, the pub-

join him in Turkey. Turkish Olympic team, because he

In October, after his victory in Seoul, the Bulgarians allowed Suleymanoglu's parents, two brothers, their wives and a brother's

Today, he is 21 and living a

### A Pocket Hercules Pulls His Weight By Peter Alfano He has been on a victory tour in square, accompanied by the prime

guests and dignitaries eager to clasp his hand.

It was in a similar setting, two years ago that the weight lifter Naim Suleymanoglu made the biggest decision of his life at a party following the world championships in Melbourne. He was 18 then, born and raised

On the pretense of going to the

Now, he is a national hero in Turkey, an Olympian who won his

and 130 pounds (59 kilograms), Su-

But only part of Suleymanoglu was free when he received a hero's welcome in Turkey. His parents

licity fallout might persuade the Bulgarians to allow his parents to The Bulgarians had already accepted \$1 million from the Turkish government, a payoff for not op-posing Suleymanoglu's joining the

his new country for three years. child, to join him in Ankara.

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Peter Freed/The New York Torses Walter Cronkite, the former CBS News anchor, joined weight

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### **Christmas Engineering**

WASHINGTON — Of all the simple design that a child could put together." has uttered over the years, the one that she is in love with is, "Why don't you read the instructions?" It doesn't matter if it concerns a piece of wooden furniture from K mart, or an expensive popcom maker from South Korea, she just thinks I will have an easier time of it if I refer to the instruction booklet (written half in Korean) before I

This makes no sense. Instructions are for idiots who don't have

the magic touch. They are written by nerds to explain to dummies how to opcrate a piece of machinery which will probably never work

anyway. The other day I brought home Buchwald a toy Steinway piano. At least the picture on the

box said it was a piano. But inside the carton it turned out to be a thousand pieces of wood, some wire and three screws. Just as I finished unpacking it, my wife went into her usual routine, "Why don't you read the in-

structions? be a sign of weakness. This is not a complex nuclear reactor. It is a very

### China Excavating More Of Terra-Cotta Army

The Associated Press

BELJING — Archaeologists have begun excavating the second of three underground vaults containing the terra-cotta army mustered by China's first emperor to protect his soul in the afterworld.

More than 2,000 years ago, Emperor Qin Shihuang buried thousands of life-size clay soldiers, horses and chariots near his tomb outside Xian in northwestern China. The first vault, containing 6,000 figures, was excavated in the 1970s and a museum was built at the site. The Xinhua News Agency said experts have begun uncovering the second vault, believed to hold 1,000 warriors each about 1.8 meters (5.9 feet) tall. Xinhua said the second vault's troops are expected to go on

"But you're not a child," she protested. "That piano has more parts than all the toys in Taiwan."

an all the mys managers so pig-"Forgive me for sounding so piggish, but women do not understa the excitement that men experience when putting something together without the instructions. Remember the swing set I erected for the kids several years ago? Do you think the children would have gotten any pleasure out of it if I had followed the instructions?"

"You didn't construct that swing. After it crashed, you hired a contractor to put it together. "I don't remember details that far back. There is a knack to assem-

bling anything. You have to lay all the pieces out neatly in front of you, and then screw the little pieces on to the big pieces." "Is that what the instructions

"No but that's what logic dictates. When the project is completed, the trick is not to have any screws left over. Instructions don't tell you that. That's where one's engineering education comes in."

"I have no idea where you're headed with this "

"Like most married women your trouble is that you would rather trust a piece of paper written by a Tibetan student than your own

"All I'm going by is years of experience. The attic is filled with unfinished children's masterpieces that you tried to assemble without

Every one of them was either short a piece of plastic or included the wrong fasteners and bolts."

"Why do you keep doing it?"
"Haven't you ever heard of the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat? Look at all the money we're saving. If I bought this piano as-sembled, it would cost \$99. I only paid \$59, because when it comes to toys I'm my own man. When I finish fitting the black keys between the white keys, even you will not be able to tell the difference." "Why is it tilting over to one

"Because they included the wrong supports for the legs. One is shorter than the other. But not to worry — I can deal with it."
"How?" she asked. "Read my hands."

## Von Sydow in 'Pelle': **Not Another Neurotic**

By Steve Lohr New York Times Service
T ONDON — Max von Sydow L knew he wanted to be in "Pelle the Conqueror" by the time he had read just 25 pages of the

The script was a page-turner, he recalled, but more important was the character he was being asked to play, that of an ordinary individual who, in the course of the story, displays the full range of human emotion - the kind of role, he says, that comes his way

too rarely in Hollywood. "Most of the parts I get are fanatics or strange and neurotic characters," said von Sydow, whose Hollywood credits include Jesus in George Stevens's film "The Greatest Story Ever Told" and the title role in William Friedkin's "Exorcist."

"So when I read the script for 'Pelle,' I felt this was something I was looking for," the 59-year-old Swedish actor explains.

"Pelle the Conqueror," in a sense, was looking for von Sydow as well. The Danish director Bille August viewed the part of the Swedish laborer Lasse Karlsson, played by von Sydow, as "the pivotal role in the film." And, he said, "I had Max von Sydow in mind for the part from

the moment I began writing the Script."
The combination has produced an unusual film and a memorable performance from von Sydow,

both of which have attracted widespread critical acclaim. The Danish film won the Golden Palm for best film at this year's Cannes Festival. And at the first annual European Film Awards in Berlin last month, von Sydow won the best-actor prize for his performance in "Pelle the Conqueror," receiving a Felix, a statuette intended to be the European equivalent of Hollywood's Oscar.

In it, von Sydow plays the impoverished and aging widower Lasse, who emigrates from southem Sweden to Denmark at the turn of the century with his young son, Pelle, his few worldly possessions, his misery and his hopes for a better life. On the ship to the Danish island of Bornholm, where Lasse once worked when he

was young, in better times, he fills Pelle with his romantic memories. According to Lasse's recollec-tions, their new home-to-be is an Edenic isle, compared to rural

In this flush of optimism, Lasse feels compelled to pass on to Pelle a nugget of fatherly insight, which

The movie has an epic quality, showing the hardship and injustice of the semi-feudal society of the time.

is more wishing than wisdom, running contrary to Lasse's life experience. "You're still young, Pelle," he says. "You can conquer the world." The vignette explains the title of the film, a story of a father and his son. The time the start of the 1900s - and the place - a Danish farm - are ainstakingly re-created.

Besides the father-and-son theme, there are stories of love and lust, betrayal and retribution involving other characters, giving the two-and-a-half-hour movie an epic quality and showing the hardship and injustice of the semi-feudal society of the time.

The movie is based on a book that was a clarion call for Scandinavian socialism. First published in 1906, the four-volume novel "Pelle the Conqueror" was in-tended by its author, Martin Andersen Nexo, to be a bible of the Danish working class. August and the producer Per Holst, who obtained the film rights to the novel in 1983, decided that the novel was not manageable as a single movie. Instead, they chose to fo-cus on the first volume. And in that volume, Nexo was still just telling a story. It was his feel for historical narrative and his selection of everyday people as charac-ters, that explain why Nexo has

occasionally been compared to Charles Dickens. Von Sydow was raised in Lund

part of the country his character, Lasse, emigrates from In his dressing room in London's Old Vic Theater, where he was playing Prospero in Jonathan Miller's staging of "The Tempest" last month, von Sydow recalled growing up in the 1930s and seeing the way people lived in the country-side, which had changed little from the period in the film. "So I felt as though I knew Lasse Karls-

son," von Sydow said. The actor was given considerable leeway by the director in shaping the role of Lasse. Though August, a Dane, speaks Swedish, he left much of Lasse's dialogue, spoken in a Swedish rural dialect, to von Sydow. The inflection and the words were up to me," he

Rural laborers like Lasse led a life that was barely better than slavery, working on yearly con-tracts, which paid them so little that only the most frugal could save enough to move on to something better. They were victims of social injustice — poorly housed, poorly fed and powerless. That is why they were treated

so badly," von Sydow said. "That why the manager on Stone Farm can treat Lasse and the others so badly and get away with it." Shortly after Lasse and Pelle arrive on Stone Farm, Pelle is whipped by the farm manager's trainee, and Lasse vows to avenge the indignity. Later, Lasse starts For his part, von Sydow was a bit to confront the trainee but backs

Watching this, Pelle has his faith in his father badly shaken and bursts into tears. "Lasse is a named after the character in the weak man and, socially, he is on the absolutely lowest level," von Sydow said. "But he sometimes gets carried away and tries to act bigger than he is, like in the scene with the trainee.

"At the same time," he continued, "Lasse is totally loyal, and he truly loves his son. So what you get is this wonderful pattern of many emotions between the father and the boy."

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two share a handful of "real Swedish strawberries" that Lasse had planted months before, and he hands Pelle a little, tissuewrapped parcel containing a pocket knife. "It's just a poor man's gift," Lasse says. Not to Pelle, who hogs his father with

gratitude and affection. wary at the outset of his co-star, down, realizing that to do so Pelle Hvenegaard, a 13-year-old could threaten his meager liveli- Copenhagen schoolboy selected Copenhagen schoolboy selected after a yearlong search auditioning 4,000 hopefuls. (In a striking coincidence, Hvenegaard had novel, which his mother was read-

ing during her pregnancy.)

"Pelle" spans a year at Stone
Farm, but the film was shot in about seven months on a farm a couple hours' drive from Copenhagen. For much of the time, the company of three dozen people lived in several small farm huis. The forceful scenes of the harsh. snowy desolation on the Danish coast in the film were enhanced One of von Sydow's favorite considerably by the winter of scenes takes place on the spring morning of Pelle's birthday. The because we had a spectacular win-

ter that year in Denmark," von Sydow recalled.

At the end of the movie, Pelle is given an opportunity to climb up a rung in the Stone Farm social hierarchy, when he is offered a job as trainee. Lasse is overjoyed at this shred of good fortune.

The father feels that through his son's success he will finally get some power," von Sydow says. "In his limited circumstances, it is

as much as he can hope for." But his brief hopes are dashed when Pelle, sensing that there must be a brighter, more adventurous world beyond the gates of Stone Farm, decides to shun the traince's job and leave the farm to face an unknown future. Pelle packs to leave, with Lasse helping him. But Lasse tells Pelle he is not going with him, sobbing with emotion, partly because he will miss his son but also for himself. knowing that by not going along he is admitting the inevitable Stone Farm is the end of the line for Lasse.

"I just love the ending," von Sydow says.

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The Russian-born cellist Massiav Rostropovich played in a charty concert in London for the Arm nian carthquake victims af postponing a visit to India to the part in the event, which was one several such gestures. "It was w important for me to take part," Rostropovich, who was born Azerbaijan, before a relieusal y the flutist James Galway, the c ductor André Previn and ou who donated their performan Prince Charles and his wife, Dis attended Saturday's sell-out cert at the Barbican Hall. Sen messages that they would do: earnings from their performan elsewhere were Sir Yehndi Me hin and Vanessa Redgrave. . . New York, the Reverend Jens Jackson and Alexander Belond the Soviet Union's ambassade the United Nations, are plan telethon in two months. Jac said he has commitments from entertainers Bill Cosby, Rol Flack and Cher. And young cians from European countrie perform next Thursday in a b concert in Moscow.

People magazine's list most unforgettable personali 1988 include President George Bush, the late Christi assis's daughter, Athena, an animated sexpot. Jessica Rallifrom the movie "Who Frank Roger Rabbit." Some of the other on the list: the Phantom of the Opera, the hacker who started the computer virus, the heavyweight champion Mike Tyson, the Reverend L. Jesse Jackson, Prime Minister Benazir Blutto of Pakistan, the artist David Hockney and Shi Peinu, the female impersonator who inspired "M. Butterfly."

President-elect George Bush and the Democratic vice presidential hopeful, Lloyd Bentsen, won the votes of tailors and designers as the best dressed men of 1988, the Fashion Foundation of America said in its 47th annual list. Others were: Prince Andrew, the Duke of York: Benny Hill, a British comedian.
Tom Bradley, the mayor of Los
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